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New policy means 22,000 a year will avoid prison Leighton centenary celebration recreates high period of Victorian art Howard to endjailing over fines

television licence.

Alan Travis **Iome Affairs Edito**

HE jailing of more than 22,000 fine defaulters a year is to end, the Home Secretary. Michael Howard, announced last night. New guidance is to be issued to magistrates in the spring which will end the cen-turies-old practice of sending to prison petty offenders who issued to magistrates in the for failing to pay motoring fines. Nearly a fifth of the 1.450 women jailed were imto prison petty offenders who have repeatedly failed to pay court fines. Together with the Lord

Chancellor. I am reviewing the powers and procedures available to the courts to ensure that they can enforce payment of fines without resorting to imprisonment save in the most exceptional circumstances." Mr Howard told the prison service conference in Brighton yesterday.

"I remain concerned that too many fine defaulters are committed to prison. There

ing of petty offenders, particu-larly women with severe Paul Cavadino of the Penal Affairs Consortium said the multiple debt problems who use of prison for people whose have not paid television li-cences and poil tax defaulters. original offences were insuffi-ciently serious to deserve custody was an indefensible mis-The latest published figures show that 22,500 fine default-ers were jailed in 1994 - makuse of the over-stretched

ing up more than a quarter of those sent to prison that year. Most were in prison for less than a week. Forty per cent of even if all fine defaulters would only save £14 million. prisoned for failing to have a

The Home Secretary firmed yesterday that he is to introduce a white paper later this year which will introduce minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers and "two strikes and you're out" mandatory life sentences for repeat rapists. This package could add 10,000 to 20 bin inster to the annual to 20,000 imates to the annual prison population. Mr Howard refused to out-

line what alternative measures he will use to ensure

orison syste Harry Fletcher of the National Association of Probation Officers warned that

were diverted from jail it "The Home Secretary's sen tencing package will add 20,000 to the prison popula-tion at a cost of £400 million a year. Prisons face an unprece dented crisis." The jailing of fine default-ers was highlighted last week

in the Guardian, which said that thousands of women were trapped in a cycle of poverty, law-breaking, court fines and eventually prison. Jail sentences imposed on women often caused intense distress and extra costs for

care of dependent children. The sacked prison service director-general, Derek Lewis, issued a summons yes-



are up to 500 fine defaulters ir prison at any one time."

Mr Howard said they imposed an additional burden on hard pressed prisons, adding: "And the fine is expunged — thereby frustrating the court's intention that the prisoner pay something back to the community."

The decision coincides with a sharply rising prison popu-lation - espected to hit a record 53,000 in the next fortnight at a time of a 13.3 per cent cut in running costs. There is also increasing

public concern over the jail- very welcome.

court sentence. Among opterday against the Home tions canvassed are greater Office to force the disclosure of key official documents use of community service orders: money payment relating to his dismissal. supervision orders under which probation officers help Mr Lewis's union, the First Division Association, said defaulters sort out debts; and that four months after his dismissal the Home Office had electronic tagging. The decision to end the use not yet made any proposal to of jail was widely welcomed resolve the matter and pay by penal reformers and within the prison service. compensation.

that fines remain a credible

The Home Secretary said last night that it was "an en-tirely routine matter in litiga-tion" that would be dealt with David Roddan of the Prison Governors' Association said Mr Howard's statement was by the lawyers.

Scott leads

arms report

access to

calls for early

HE actress, Dorothy Dene. (left) will play Lord Leighton's model. Kate Hargreaves, who posed for the painting

to all-party

last Friday, marked a change in tone from his original reac-

tion to the elections proposal. He had said elections would

"pour petrol on the flames". British ministers expressed

these talks could be woven into the British plan for

The two prime ministers

Flaming June, right, in the centenary celebrations of the artist at Leighton House, Holland Park, London, starting on Friday and

Bruton warms to Major's

running until April 21. Leighton (1830-96), Presi-dent of the Royal Academy, aesthete, bon viveur and creator of the Trafalgar

Square lions, created his down to the William Morris house as a palace in celebra-tion of the muse of the arts. fornishings and the smells of cigars, linseed oil and turpentine. It has been recreated for this year's celebrations PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTIN

City 'playing Mr Bumble with school dinners'

David Ward

ABOUR-controlled Liverpool city council was accused yesterday of employing workhouse-style practices when it emerged that officers had suggested school dinner portions could be cut by 10 per cent to save money. David Alton, Liberal Demo

crat MP for Mossley Hill, said: "It conjures up ideas of Mr

Bumble telling Oliver Twist he cannot have any more. Are we going to see a generation of Oliver Twists pleading for more food? There are plenty of other areas they should be tacking before they take the food off a child's plate." meals budget.

Liverpool has to find ways of saving £38.5 million to stay within its capping limit. In the search for cuts, education officers came up with a range of possibilities.

One option was that Liverpool might join other authorities in providing meals only for children entitled to free dinners: another was for the 10 per cent cut in portions. The officers commented:

'Meal proportions are not large and this reduction would be in free school meals which for many children is their main meal of the day.

started a row, with Labour insisting the comment implied pils who receive free meals as that the cut could prove unacceptable because the children who would suffer most would | are, at best, a misunderstand he the city's poorest. But Paul ing of the position or, at wor Clein, the Liberal Democrats' malicious scaremongering."

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HOW ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN A LINERPOOL SCHOOL?

education spokesman, was happy to go along with a more literal interpretation — that a Labour council might target those children who received free dinners and accounted for 63 per cent of the school

mons at 3.30pm tomorrow to give the Government's ver-Their portions would be cut document

but pupils who handed over 80p in primary schools and 95p in secondaries would find sop in secondaries would find their meal sizes unchanged. "That's the way it reads." said Mr Clein. He added: "What will they say to children? Last week way hed three severages this

you had three sausages, this week you can only have two? It's an absolute disgrace

man of the education commit-tee, suggested that Mr Clein's fury was based on a misreading of the officers' comment. "I want to stress that none The imprecise wording of the options include offering smaller portions to those pu-

opposed to those who pay for meals," he said. "Such claims ing of the position or, at worst,

plan for Northern Ireland

the past week.

weapons had begun.

a precondition of talks.

return to the ceasefire.

David Sharrock Richard Norton-Taylor and Patrick Winto und Nichsel White

HE reconciliation of the HE Government last night was facing a public rela-tions disaster over its hand-Irish and British gov-ernments over the peace process took a step forward yesterday when the Irish prime minister, John Bruton, significantly warmed to John ling of tomorrow's Scott Report as the judge charged with investigating the arms-to-Iraq controversy led frus-trated MPs and peers in last-minute demands for an end to news management over its

news management over its publication. It emerged that Sir Richard Scott strongly urged the Gov-ernment to release his report at least an hour before Ian Lang, the trade and industry secretary, gets up in the Com-

quiet satisfaction last night at achieved if the Government the Irish prime minister's softening attitude towards elections. Although Downing continued to insist that the report was made generally available only after Mr Lang rises to make his statement. Street did not disguise its continued scepticism about proximity talks, it is possible that

Christopher Muttukumaru. the Scott inquiry secretary, to Mr Lang's private office. It came amid renewed claims of

are expected to meet soon to discuss the plan. It emerged yesterday that Turn to page 2, column 7 Mr Major is shortly to set out

a consultation paper on his But the Ulster Unionist Mar-finger to urge election plan. A key element tyn Smyth said his party towards talks."

elections.

will be the speed with which | would hold proximity talks the Prime Minister envisages | with Sinn Fein before elections as did Ian Paisley — even if the IRA called a ceasefire. the elected body moving to all-party talks. In an attempt to assuage Mr Bruton told the Dail he

was satisfied that a viable basis existed for restoring sceptical nationalists, ministers privately promise that a timetable will be set out in the legislation on the elec-tions. Ministers claim Union-ists have signed up to this in the next work peace. He asked the IRA to think again. "A quarter-cen-tury of violence did not progress any of your political aims. Indeed, it divided Ire-However, the new optimism was dealt a blow when by a lack of enthusiasm for Mr Maland more than ever before." He said he had made an act

of faith by believing and trusting Sinn Fein. "I be-lieved that they had made an jor's plan from the pivotal figure of John Hume, leader of the nationalist SDLP. "We irreversible commitment to peace. That act of faith has now been thrown back in my have been down that road twice before. Twice before, it ended in disaster and made face by the IRA." the problem worse.

However, Mr Bruton said he shared the Republicans' He added that Unionist parties in the elections might "seek hardline mandates", frustration at the slow pace of the peace process.

and "some parties could seek Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, said yesterday mandates not to talk to certain people" — a reference to a Unionist boycott of talks that putting the peace process back on track would be diffiwith Sinn Fein until the de-commissioning of IRA cult. "The only way is for real talks and all-party talks. That is one of the reasons why it John Taylor, the Ulster collapsed, because the British Unionist deputy leader, underscored this point by inbroke the commitments they made to bring that about."

Meanwhile, the Irish opposisting that agreement on the phased decommissioning was sition Fianna Fail leader Bertie Ahern, launched a A further and more imme stinging attack on Mr Major's diate stumbling block is covernment. He said: "Over the past 18 months, they sinlikely to be Britain's insistance that it will not allow gularly failed to provide any Sinn Fein to enter all-party credible or broadly acceptable talks, or even possibly stand route into all-party talks. In public at least, it was not apin the elections, without a parent that they had lifted a But the Ulster Unionist Marfinger to urge the Unionists



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tion, Mr Bruton's speech, which came in a Dail debate on the IRA's Docklands bomb attack

lict on the 1,800-page

This, the judge said, would help public debate and discussion to take place on a balanced and informed basis. He said it would be doubtful whether this would be

Neville Bann, Labour chair-

Sir Richard's concerns were spelt out in a letter from further attempts to under-

mine the Scott report in ad-Letters, page 8; David Mckie,

Major's proposals for elec-tions in Northern Ireland. However, Mr Bruton said his condition for considering backing elections was that they should follow Dublin's proposed "proximity" talks and then "lead directly and speedily, without equivoca-tion to all-party

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Sketch

Hairy humour, perfect timing

without a single scruple.

one. Mr Fabricant's eyes

the outcome

nent's response.

The second hand jerked for

wards. By my watch it was 3.29 and 47 seconds when the

name. His relief swooshed al-

most visibly over the rows in

front. The moment had come 'Is my right honourable

friend aware that Lichfield is

not only a beautiful cathedral city, but also a centre of light

industry?" he inquired. One woodered how Mr Major would slide out of that poser. Mr Fabricant enthused on-

ward. Wages for UK produc-

tion workers now higher than in France, Italy and Germany

(what mad statisticians pro-duce these fibs?)... no social contract... under Labour

government we would all suf-far...like the TSB, "they are the party that like to say yes!"

leaving us to wonder whether

all the preparation, the agony of wairing, the terrible tension

as the minutes ticked by, was remotely worth it?

He sat down triumpha

Speaker finally called his



Simon Hoggart

A T 3.13pm, Michael Fabri-cant (C, South Staffs) Winister's Question Time. He had tabled question three, about the effect of economic indicators upon the town of Lichfield. Clearly a vital sub-ject, at least in Lichfield, and the third question is almost

invariably reached. We had time to notice that something has happened to Edwina Currie's hair. It has gone from black to a fetching auburn, and a cunning crimper has swept it back up. This, I am told, makes the face underneath appear younger. It is known among tricholo-gists as the Joan Collins look. Perhaps Edwina hopes the new hair-do will improve her own novels so much that one day they too will be rejected by Harold Evans, the most celebrated publisher in New York. At 3.14pm the Prime Minis-ter walked in. Mr Fabricant's

hair did a little dance on his head, as if in a TV cartoon. Sadly, every day is a Bad

Hair Day for Michael Fabricant. Earlier this month, in a sarcastic speech, Nicholas Soames told the House that Fabricant had "gone for an appointment with his hair consultant . . . some minor technical adjustment is required to that technological wonder which sits astride his splendid brow".

At 3.17pm Tony Blair rose to ask about the Scott report, which is published tomorrow. He wanted the Prime Minister to make it available an hour early, so that we could all read it before the statement. Though at 1,800 pages, an hour may not be enough. Sounds the kind of thing for a long beach holiday, with Edwina's A Woman's Place (Hodder, £16.99). Mr Fabricant looked

At 3.18pm Mr Major esplained that the Government was keeping the report to it-self in order to assist informed

First night



Muslim refugees, like these evacuated from Srebrenica, found most Serbs looked the other way

Muslims find rare sanctuary in tiny Serb Schindler's Ark

with Muslims who returned from forced labour to find their homes confiscated by Julian Borger in Prijedor Serb refugees, and who have nowhere else to go. E HAS the sort of face you see a thousand times beneath a police-

For his pains, Dusko has been the target of repeated threats. The flat is a fortress, defended with pistols and hand grenades, and his family has been optimized for the man's cap at Serb checkpoints — rounded and red-dened by a lifetime of ham and plum brandy. He has the same bleary eyed stare, the same gruff manner and the has been ostracised for its "beiraval".

same affinity for guns. It is hardly surprising that the local Muslim community hes-itated before putting its trust in Dusko. But now there is no consultation in the second second second second in Dusko But now there is no consultation in the second second second second in Dusko But now there is no consultation in the second second second second in Dusko But now there is no consultation in the second second second second second in Dusko But now there is no consultation in the second second second second in Dusko But now there is no consultation in the second second second second second second in Dusko But now there is no consultation in the second sec eft to trust

of protection that is respected | homes ' in Prijedor. | year, wi homes - particularly last year, when tens of thousands of Serb refugees fled from Croatia and western Bosnia For all Dusko's bravado, be is unwilling to have his real name published. "They'll after Croatian and Bosnian government offensives. So how did Dusko survive

name published. "They'll know who it is anyway," he says, but believes there is no point in making it easy. International aid workers in the nearby city of Banja Luka believe Dusko has helped hundreds of Prijedor Muslims survive during the war. He has fed and sheltered them, or helped est them out The answer lies partly in his fearsome stockpile of weapons, and his apparent readiness to use them. But he has also been adept at using his Serb contacts. His father was in the local police, and Dusko knows how pull out a bottle of good brandy at the them, or helped get them out of Serb-controlled territory. A Muslim amputee, one of a right time and schmooze with the old man's friends.

group of Dusko's people sit-ting on his sofa earlier this He has become a lighthous week, said: "For us, there is for a handful of other Serbs in Prijedor - equally well-meaning but not courageous nowhere else. If we were still on the streets, we would be mough to take the initiative. He lost his leg while on compulsory "work brigade" duty on the front line last They phone in with offers of food and clothing. One Serb acquaintance now works for September. He returned to Prijedor to find that his parents had been expelled and his wife and children had Dusko's DIY aid agency as a

book keeper. When asked why he takes the risk, Dusko loses some of his fluency. The question "What he has done is seems to embarrass him. He points out that he married a Muslim, linking him to a netremarkable," a United Nations official in Banja Luka

Stakeholder vision of US Democrats

The Guardian Wednesday February 14 1996

pressures on companies to avoid takeover.

A Responsible Business Charter Act would extend the

to trade in countries that did

not observe similar labour and environmental stan-

dards, nor to establish head-

quarters in countries without

ployer-employee teams lose R-Corp status.

"We would strive to change

Will Hutto

EMOCRAT party leaders are planning principles to American com-panies operating abroad. US firms would be expected not to announce sweeping proposals later this month to overhaul US company law and taxation in order to establish an American version of the stakeholder economy, so attempting to boost falling US wages and ar-rest the "hollowing out" of quarters in countries without minimum wage legislation. US firms, like their counter-parts in the European Union under the Social Chapter, would be expected to estab-lish works-councils of emthe US economy. A "high wage task force". Set up after the party's defeat in the 1994 Congressional the the transformation of the transformation

in a fundamental way the be-haviour of American businesses and financial mur-kets to assume responsibility fall in American wages, grow-ing job insecurity and the ex-port of US jobs — while refut-ing Republican charges that for creating high levels of eco-nomic growth," says the Task Force Report. "We are deterthey remain a tax and spend party unwilling to cut the US budget deficit. The 80-page report, a copy of which is in the hands of the mined to rebuild the standard of living for America's work-ing families and restore the

American dream. Guardian, calls for new socially responsible behav-iour by business and the fi-nancial markets, raising in-Qualification for R-Corps status would include meeting the following criteria: □ 50 per cent of all invest-mant over three years to be in vestment, employment and wages inside the US. It pro-poses tax and regulatory inthe US; accept unions or offer centives and exemptions to persuade US companies to set works-councils: I offer 90 days notice for all redundancies; themselves up as "R-Corps" who in return would have to ownership plans for at least half the workforce; meet minimum targets for in-vestment, training, worker benefits and socially respon-I spend 2 per cent of the total wage bill on training; operate only in countries with labour and environmental sible behaviour. In addition, the task force recommends a turnover tax of 0.6 per cent on the buying and standards similar to the US. The Task Force propose

lling of company securities and new measures that will encourage "investment cutting business taxes for R-Corps by more than 40 per cent. Democratic leaders pro-pose launching the report be-fore the end of the month. pools" of committed company owners - "R-Funds" - who will pladge long-term support for American companies thus reducing the financia

Scott leads demands for early access to arms-to-Iraq report

continued from page 1 vance of publication in the wake of a Financial Times report that Paul Henderson — chief defendant in the Matrix Churchill trial whose collapse led to the Scott inquiry knew more about his compa ny's sales to Iraq than he admitted to his MI6 contact. Yesterday Mr Henderson called the reports "a rehash of ducted the inquiry". old stories attempting to cre-

ate innuendo as part of the

and Paddy Ashdown de-manded that MPs be allowed to read the report for at least an hour before the govern-ment presents its £1 million defence. Not only is the report unprecedented in complexity, Mr Blair protested, but so was "the campaign before the report has been published to discredit the judge who con-

Their counterparts in the Lords, Ivor Richard and Roy Short credit me in advance of the debate and vote on the issue, which Tory whips survived As anger mounted at John Major's refusal to allow more by 152 votes to 133. Two former heads than three hours for Opposicivil service, Lords Croham tion spokesmen to examine and Bancroft, as well as two the report, there was growing law lords, Lords Ackner and resentment at the way un specified ministers - includ-Roskill, voted against the Government, despite the asing the Tory chairman, Brian surance from Lord Cran-Mawhinney — are being allowed as much as eight days borne: "I too would greatly illowed as much as eight days re-publication access. In the Commons Tony Blair | leagues in government to den-igrate Sir Richard Scott''.



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Welcome import hits the target

Michael Billington his power by sleeping with them. He even makes "have

Dead White Males Nutifield Theatre, Southamotor

E SEE far too little Australian drama in Britain. But Patrick Sandford at the Nuffield Southampton has had the wit to import David Williamson's controversial comedy, Dead White Males, which stirred things up in Sydney last year with its attack on fashionable literary theory and the wilder excesses of the thought police. Even though the play does not always fight fair. you have to admire Williamson's bravery and chutzpah.

His heroine. Angela Judd, is an English literature student who falls under the spell of a modish professor, Grant Swain, who uses all the right buzz words. All literature is ideological, the patriarchal corporate state is the enemy and liberal humanism is its deadly handmaiden.

But when Angela, who com-munes nightly with the outmakes highly with the out-raged ghost of Shakespeare, does a research project into her own family, she discovers that human beings are full of uncategorisable contradic-tions; that her chauvinist grandad was capable of unacknowledged altruism and that her passionately feminist mother both relished her career and felt pangs of guilt at the neglect of her daughter. Williamson hits some of his

targets dead centre. Swain is a wonderful creation: a smug academic who espouses poststructuralism and feminist multi-culturalism but who indoctrinates rather than educates his students and abuses

Convicted British killer is 'impatient' for execution

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

BRITISH serial killer John Martin Scripps, sentenced to death in Singapore for the murder of a South African tourist, has said he does not want to appeal for does not want to appeal for clemency and is impatient for ency. He wants the end of it authorities to proceed with his execution.

you read Foucault?" sound like a suave chai-up line and uses the Lacanesque literary term, "jouissance", as a serual turn-on It is no mean feat to make a

popular comedy out of aca-demic debate. Williamson even puts the process of teach ing onto the stage. His main weakness is in appropriating Shakespeare as an apostle of liberal humanism and the doc trine of the unchanging human beart, even giving us scenes from As You Like It **MoD pregnancy sacking** and King Lear to back up the point. But Williamson offers us a drastically simplified awards near £55m

Will. failing to acknowledge both his moral questioning and his multi-dimensionality. But you do not have to agree with Williamson to find his

play stimulating. At least he tackles head-on the whole question of academic mind-David Hencke Westminster Corre bending. And, in the family scenes, he shows there are no simple black and whites. The grandad, nicely played by John Woodvine, may seem a old bigot to his wife and daughters but Williamson makes you aware that he was the working class product of a wartime generation that had a Lists of more than 5,000 awards have been deposited in the House of Commons lihard life and that he is still capable of selfless generosity. It's not a perfect play but addresses living issues. Sand-ford's production is spiritedly brary following a demand for the information from David

played by Jeremy Clyde as swinish Swain, Claire Price a Clark, Labour's defence the Armed Forces Minister, declined to answer his patha-mentary question seeking in-formation on the figures to avoid publication in Hansard. intellectually awakened Angela, and Gabrielle Lloyd as her mum, who feitc morally bound to tackle a world where only 3 per cent of top management are women. It's a deeply Australian play that travels The figures disclose that 30 women have been paid more than £100,000 each. They ex-clude the highest award, of

an. Nicholas Soame

E350,000, to Josephine Green,

former Royal Navy nurse,

who has not yet been paid. The awards followed

European Court ruling that the MoD had unfairly dis-

charged women because they

became pregnant. The ruling

led to a change in MoD policy

The petition for clemency to Singapore's president of-fered 36-year-old Scripps the last chance to escape the gal-lows after he decided last

in 1990. The MoD admits that 5,150 women have had legitimate month not to appeal against claims for unfair dismissal his conviction for murder. "He has instructed lawyers between 1978 and 1990. The locuments show that 5,027 that he does not intend to put claims have been settled, costquickly," said a British High Commission spokesman.

says. In Prijedor, the epicentre of crazy.

crasy." After 5pm, no one comes through the door without a prior appointment. "It would be a dangerous thing to do," Dusko smiles. He opens a cup-board and removes an auto-matic pistol. Down the corri-dor, he takes out another pistol from a hiding place and — clearly proud of his arsenal ethnic cleansing - where lib-eral Serbs looked the other way or emigrated as thousands of Muslims were expelled, imprisoned or murdered — Dusko did the unthinkable. The Serb police-man's son stayed and tried to - clearly proud of his arsenal

At first he helped individ-ual families. But last October, he established a network of sympathetic Prijedor Serbs to help distribute food to starv-- pulls out two hand grenades with a magician's lourish. "I know how to look after

nyself. Anyone who wants to ing Muslims and shelter them screw with me - I will screw him," he says, a grenade in each hand. Muslims are not from the constant, casual bru-tality of the rebel regime in His family's one-bedroom flat has become a tiny Serb Schindler's Ark — crammed

aid. "There ork of his with instances of Serb families try-ing to help individual Muslim neighbours, but he has gone further than any of them.

fled to Croatia.

"The risks are enormous. If says. His voice trails off, and I am a Serb and I help you, a Muslim, and they find out, then I'm worse than you because I'm a traitor." One of his Muslim friends

The mufti in Banja Luka Ibrahim Halilovic, broke his cautious silence last month to thank Serbs who helped Mus lims over the past four years. But he said it was still too

dangerous to reveal their names or how they operated. The risks could be high. A each hand. Muslims are not permitted to carry arms in the "Republika Srpska". Only a Serb could provide the kind had been thrown out of their

"Strty per cent of the Muslims here were in mized mar-Scott report". riages. Every one here was related to each other," he

in Banja Luka rephrases the question. "What we want to know, and what the Serbs will have to answer, is why were

pre-publication access. there so few like Dusko?"

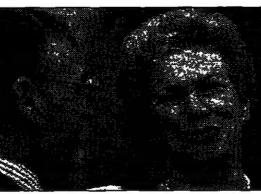
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Catherine Birtwistle with her hushand Barvey Gates

mer army personnel — 1,972 cases, including 16 women receiving more than £100,000. The RAF has had 1,908 cases, with 12 people receiving more than £100,000. The navy has had 1147 ansat with faur had 1,147 cases, with four receiving more than £100,000. close a growing demand from women to return to military Some awards have been strongly contested, including service after having children the £150,000 paid to Catherine Birtwistle, of Burton in Lonsdale, North Yorkshire, who resigned from the now dis-banded Women's Royal Army Corps in 1981, and had earlier rejected an MoD offer of just ver £1.000. Mrs Birtwistle, aged 47, who now has three children, joined the corps in 1973 when regulations demanded that pregnant women should leave

Ninety-seven women returned to the Royal Navy in 1995 compared with one in 1991, while 186 returned to the RAF in 1995 compared with 48 in 1993. Those who took maternity leave in the army increased from three in 1990 to 256 in 1994. Mr Clark said last night "This huge bill for compensa

tion is a complete waste of taxpayers' money for a ridicu-lous policy that never should the service. When she have been implemented ing 254.896.254.12 Another 133 resigned, she had reached the Given that the ministry is al-cases remain. rank of major. She is now a ready strapped for cash, it The largest number of major in the Territorial Army shows what a mess f claims have come from forshows what a mess the minis

OMPENSATION paid charged from the armed forces will exceed £55 million and the total number claiming will reach 5,150, ac-cording to documents listing every award made by the Ministry of Defence.

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ten's novel Sense and Sensi-bility. Anthony Hopkins is up PIGLET, a dead man and a sub-titled Italian film will compete for for best actor, for his por-trayal of the late US president in the film Nixon. this year's Oscars in a mixed field, in which Hollywood Another British entry is fares poorly but a Briton is nominated in every acting category and two are in the running for best director:

Michael Figgis: director of

Leaving Las Vegas

23 years. Its star, Massimo Troisi, died at the age of 41 just after the film was completed, but could win the first posthumous best actor Oscar since Peter Finch in 1976.

Britain's Tim Roth is nominated as best supporting actor for Rob Roy, and Kate Winslet Mike Figgis, nominated for for best supporting actress for best director for his film Sense and Sensibility. In the about a suicidal drunk, Leav animated feature section. ing Las Vegas. He competes Nick Park from Bristol could with Britain's Michael Rad win his third Oscar for A

ensibility.

Michael Radford: director of Il Postino (The Postman) for Sense and Sensibility

star, Tom Hanks, was denied his chance of a third acting Oscar in a row, in a surprise success, Babe — a beguiling story about a sheep-herding piglet — has won seven nominations, including best film, equalling Sense and

Thompson competes for best actress with Susan Sarandon in the death penalty study Dead Man Walking, Eli sabeth Shue as a prostitute in

Emma Thompson: twice

won the best actress Golden Globe award last month. neither has made more than \$16 million (£10.5 million) at Sean Penn could win the box office. best

Among the newcomers are Kevin Spacey, for best sup-porting actor in The Usual actor for his part as the con-demned man in Dead Man Walking. Along with Hop-kins, he is up against the Globe winner Nicholas Cage, Suspects, and Mare Win-ningham, for best supporting actress in Georgia. The best the star of Leaving Las Vegas, director nominations are all first-timers, and the lack of and Richard Dreyfuss in the Disney tear-jerker Mr Holland's Opus. big names or head-to-h Competing for best film are

rivalry may make for a lack-Apollo 13, Braveheart, Babe, lustre ceremony next month.

NEWS 3

Joan bites back with tale of the amoeba

an Katz in New York

LEXIS Carrington got her revenge. Giving evidence for the second time in her legal battle with Random House, Joan Collins summoned every one of her famous feminine wiles and reminded a Manhattan court why she was a star of the screen if not the printed page. In marked contrast to her performance on the witness stand last week, when she was reduced to tears by the was reduced to tears by the withering questioning of Ran-dom House's lawyer Robert Callagy, Ms Collins smilingly shrugged off inconsistencies in her testimony like a dieter caught with a chocolate éclair.

thing", but rather "an amoeba ... moving all the time". It was perhaps an unfortunate comparison in a trial that has dwelt at length and unflatteringly on the quality of Ms Collins's prose, which

antly that "writing is a cre-ative process that is going on all the time". It was not "a

legalistic static, sterile

has been described variously as primitive, clichéd. disas primitive, chered, dis-jointed, melodramatic and just plain ridiculous. Asked by Mr Callagy yes-terday whether she agreed with similar criticisms made by her editors during a 1991 meeting at the Carlyle hotel. meeting at the Carlyle hotel, New York, she replied: "I can't remember. At the time I

was so upset." But when Mr Callagy asked When the attorney ap-proached her to resume his attack yesterday, she flashed him a flirtatious smile and how she had answered the same question in a 1994 deposition, she conceded that she had replied: "God no, I thought it was really good." The trial has offered a rare public glimpse into the world said: "Oh Mr Callagy, you're not supposed to come close to me. Not without permission."

The British actress-cum-novelist returned to the wit-ness stand as the week-long trial that has pitched her of celebrity publishing and revealed the lengths publishers will go to to coax saleable manuscripts from their most against America's mightiest famous authors.

publishing company mean-dered to a close. The case hinges or meaning of the term "com Random House is suing Ms plete manuscript" which ap-pears in an unusual clause Collins, aged 62, for the return of a \$1.2 million advance on a written into Ms Collins' contwo-novel deal because it tract with Random House by claims her writing was too ap-palling to put into print. The her then Hollywood agent, the late Irving "Swifty" Lazar.

former Dynasty star, who played Alexis, is countersuing for \$4 million she insists the Lawyers for Ms Collins claim the clause guaranteed her payment regardless of whether Random House liked publisher owes her. Ms Collins was in comher work, but the publisher insists her manuscripts were so bad that they did not satmanding form from the moment she stepped on to the isfy the definition of a "comstand yesterday morning. In place of the exasperation

plete manuscript". and embarrassment that A complete manuscript had marked her performance last to have "all of the parts of the week, she affected a weary nonchalance as Mr Callagy piece", Mr Callagy said in his closing arguments yesterday. "Readers shouldn't have to forced her to acknowlege a string of inconsistencies beimagine that miracles occur tween her testimony this in order to know how the various plots and sub-plots evolve. That's the writer's week and in two previous depositions. "I have a terrible memory," she remarked with job."

Random House also dis a wry smile after another discrepancy had been exposed. She refused even to be hurputes Ms Collins' claim that she submitted the manuried by the famously brusque Judge Ira Grammermann, a scripts for two separate novels, A Ruling Passion and man whose determination to speed up the wheels of justice has earned him the nick-Hell Hath No Fury, as her contract required. The pub-lisher claims the second was name. "the Rocket Docket", merely a revised version of the first and points to earlier

in New York legal circles. Ordered by the judge to statements in which Ms Col-



are familiar faces competing film I Postino (The Fostman), Although the US space Streep in Bridges of Mation Postino. While the Italian for the Academy awards. In the first foreign movie to be fight drama Apollo 13 leads County, and Sharon Stone in entry and Leaving Las Vegas in the running for best film in with nine nominations, its Casino — for which Stone were both heavily promoted, page 13

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Meryl Streep: competing for

best actress award

ely. The point at which she stopped writing one novel and moved on to the next, she explained defi-Letters, page 8

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lean to Lib Dems admit pay error David Brindle, Social **Church vote**

Madeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

Amid a selection of young

sters and newcomers, there I ford

CLERGY which is more likely to vote for the Lib-eral Democrats that any other party ministers to a congregation dominated by ageing Conservative voters with a conscience, according to figures published yester-day in a study of the member-ship of the General Synod of the Church of England.

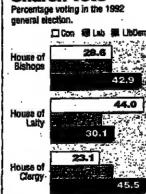
Nearly half of the House of Clergy (45.5 per cent) and House of Bishops (42.9 per cent) voted Liberal Democrat in the 1992 election, while Conservatives attracted 44 per cent of the House of Laity. Although Labour has im-proved its appeal to the

Church since 1987 it trails behind the Liberal Democrats. The most surprising and

disturbing finding of the anal-ysis of the 1990-95 membership is the widespread dissat-isfaction, amongst both laity and clergy in Synod, with the Church in its central role of providing moral guidance and meeting the spiritual needs of its members.

needs of its memoers. Two-thirds of the laity and nearly haif of the clergy said they were dissatisfied with the Church's answers to moral, social and family probmoral, social and tamity proo-lens, as well as to spiritual needs. Only 40 per cent of the House of Bishops said they were satisfied. These figures — of arguably the best informed, most active Angli-cans — are significantly worse than for the average per cent of congregations.

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Church an 80 per cent ap-proval rating for meeting what will concern Church leaders is the ageing profile of Synod lay members; between 1970 and 1995 the proportion of those under 40 fell by two thirds from 33 per cent to 8.4

per cent. Those over 60 now make up a third of the assembly running the Church. Women for the first time

form a majority in the House of Laity (52 per cent). Synod is still over 90 per cent white, schi over 30 per cent while, and over 30 per cent married. The survey — commis-sloned by General Synod, the Church's governing assembly — shows the privately-edu-cated middle class maintain-ing their arth on the Church

HE first health manager to attract criticism for his large pay increases today admits he must share responsibility for giving NHS management a bad name. Peter Griffiths, who was chief executive of the flagship Guy's hospital trust, in south London, says health manag-ers have contributed to their

own image problems by awarding themselves big rises and bonuses. "We have got ourselves a bad name not so much for setting a rate for the job, but for rewarding ourselves at an annual rate greater than the

rest of the staff who have put in the same kind of effort," says Mr Griffiths. "In that sense, I criticise myself be-cause it happened in my case at Guy's." Figures released yesterday

show that the pay bill for NHS managers in England rose by more than 350 per cent from £158.8 million in 1989-90 to £723.3 million in 1994-95. A

recent survey put the average total remuneration of trust chief executives at 565,000. Mr Griffiths, who is now di-rector of the King's Fund health management college and president of the Institute of Health Services Manage-ment ioined Curve in 1991 ment, joined Guy's in 1991 from the Department of Health, where he was deputy

Countervanour spread. Yet during the first few days of the trial, only the FT the Guardian, the BBC and Channel 4 perso allocated reporters on a full-time basis. Only when the case collapsed did others trickle in. The media had at last makes to the Vest'ability with Arabyone on troadcasting organisations with the exception of the BBC's Graham McLagán, Channel 4 News, and the Gaurdian, found the abi-News, and the oran chain reporter who up to fire up a specialist reporter who would fallow the public bearings. coording to Alan Cas The sad

The Guardian's coverage of the Scott Report on Friday will be unique and unrivalled. Don't take our word for it. **Take The Independent's**

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58.8 million cuts and hun-dreds of job losses. Mr Grif-Services Correspondent fiths, however, became the highest paid NHS manager

with a car for himself and one for his wife. In 1992-93, his total remuneration was £103,000. Mr Griffiths' comments

Mr Grinith's comments today come in a report — pub-lished by the National Associ-ation of Health Authorities and Trusts — highlighting the role of health managers and calling for an end to "manager bashing".

Some managers agree they have caused problems for themselves. Alan Randall, chief executive of the Worthing and Southlands hospitals trust. West Sussex, says: "There are a few managers who seem to have abandoned the values of the NHS and the

caring professions, who in a very ostentatious way display all the trappings of the high-powered executive. "It's a lifestyle in such

stark contrast to what matters to many of the front-line staff, doing very unpleasant jobs for patients, that some-times I think it's grounds for revolution within the NHS." The managers' overriding complaint, however, is that

the complexity and responsi-bility of the job they do has never been recognised adequately. They accuse politi-cians of jumping on a bandwagon with their attacks on NHS "fat cats".

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4 BRITAIN 'Shambles' alleged in **Law Society**

Clare Dyer Legal Corres

HE Law Society, split into two camps since the election last sumident Martin Mears, was embroiled in a new controversy yesterday after a fellow council member launched a devastating attack on him in an open letter , to the profession

Eileen Pembridge, who was defeated for the presidency by Mr Mears, called him "seriously bad news for us all" in an article in The Lawyer, and called for a candidate to stand against him next summer, when he plans to seek a new term. She accused him and his vice-president, Robert Sayer, of turning the society's council meetings into a shambles, creating a climate of fear and distrust, and preventing reform through "arrogance and incompetence

The society's governing council has had to organise a special meeting today after much of the last meeting was taken up with an angry attack by Mr Mears on the head of



Martin Mears: 'Climate of fear' claimed

public relations, Sue Stapley and attempts by other council members to defend her. He questioned her motives in cir-culating a Mail on Sunday article accusing him of hypocrisy in his private life through the office cuttings service.

Law Society staff say morale has slumped to an all-time low, with Mr Mears and Mr Sayer regarding many of them as enemies. Mr Sayer last month accused two senior staff members, Walter Merricks and Andrew Lock-ley, of "an absolute, blatant, arrogant attempt to sabotage" a paper he wrote suggesting ways of raising conveyancing

Insiders say the election of Mr Mears and Mr Sayer, on a ticket to reform what many grassroots solicitors saw as a bloated bureaucracy indifferent to their concerns, was a salutary experience for the council It took on board the message that it had to reform, but the pair's insistence on trying to buildoze reforms through a system which works on consensus has led to a standstill.

Man 'killed tormentor' Ms Pembridge said there was "a climate of fear and dis-trust" at the society's head-quarters in contral London. Staff felt that "their time and efforts are wasted. It is increasingly difficult for them to undertake their jobs or keep their teams together.

They are attacked by both Robert and Martin in the press and in letters to us." Monthly council meetings at which decisions are taken 'are now a shambles through lack of leadership and parti-san intervention. Both pos-ture from the podium, attack-

ing council members and staff alike." Mr Mears said: "It's the same old rubbish she was pro-ducing during the election. Wherever I go I am bold I have more support than I did six

David Ward ONE-armed man tor A menied for three years by gangs of youths snapped and killed a 14-yearold schoolboy with a knife, a court heard yesterday. When he heard the boy had

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died, he is alleged to have told police: "I'm glad he's dead." Leo Gavan, aged 36, of Huy-ton, Merseyside, appeared before Knowsley magistrates charged with the murder of

Lee Kinch, also of Huyton, who died on Sunday. Report-ing restrictions were lifted. The court heard Mr Gamonths ago."

One-armed attacker endured 3 years of misery before snapping when he was moved into his second-floor flat by social workers three years ago. His solicitor, Julian Lins kill, said Mr Gavan, whose

arm was amputated at the elbow when he was seven. said the flat, with no lock on the front door, was in a virtu-ally abandoned block. "Over the last three years

my client's life has been made a misery for no other reason than his manifest handicap," said Mr Linskill, "Bricks have been repeatedly thrown through his window. His flat has been trashed following break-ins."

The court heard Mr Ga-wan's torment had begun posted burning rubbish for April 9.

through his letter box and sprayed obscene graffiti about him on walls. He said Mr Gavan, who is unem-ployed, had thrown his TV set from his window on the night of the killing after stones had been hurled at him

been hurled at him. He added: "At the end of his tother, he grabbed a knife and left the flat to chase the youths, with, I'm afraid, tragic res

He said Mr Gavan had sepa-rated from his wife eight years ago and had no contact with his three children. Maria Carr, prosecuting,

said youngsters had been throwing stones at the flat. Lee was not among them but he had been in the street when Mr Gavan appeared. There was no ball applica-

tion. A committal date was set

after police shield victims

SIX youths were ordered to Sbe beld in custody yester-day after being convicted of gang-raping two 15-year-old girls who for the past year have been protected by police after threats were made against them.

Judge Gerald Gordon asked for presentance reports on the youths because of their ages, but told the Old Bailey bail would be "wholly inappropriate in the light of the material I have heard in court".

One of the gang's victims was taken to the basement of a block of flats where 14 teen-age boys - some still at large queued up to rape or at-

tempted to rape her. Her friend was kept in an area on the first floor where a smaller number of boys raped or molested her, said Michael Worsley QC, prosecuting. Nine alleged members of the gang — five aged 16 and four aged 15 — were later ar-rested. The others have not yet been caught. The nine had variously de-

nied rape and attempted rape in Brixton, south London, on October 28, 1994. Two were acquitted of the charges last

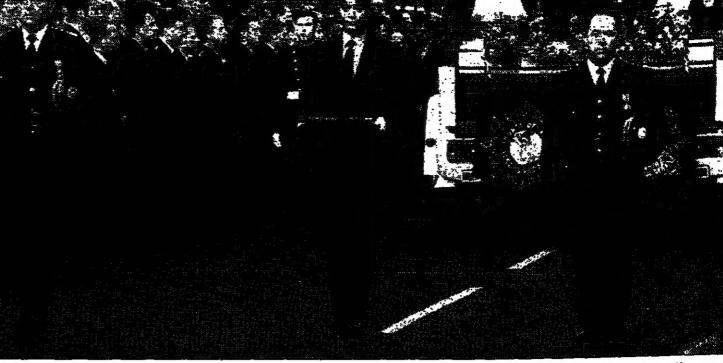
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week and a third was cleared yesterday. After the case,

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More than 1,000 firefighters from Aven and Derbyshire lined the route yesterday to Derby Cathedral to honour Fleur Lombard, the first British woman firefighter to die on service. Fleur, aged 21, a member of Bluewatch at Speedwell station, Bristol, died when the roof collapsed inside a Bristol supermarket where she was fighting a blaze PHOTOGRAPH. DENIS THORPE

News in brief Six convicted of gang-rape

Germany told to end ban on British beef

THE European Commission yesterday demanded that the Ger-THE surgean Commission yesterday demanded that the Ger-man government act to end the ban on British beef imposed by three German states due to fears over mad-cow disease or RSE. The commission gave the federal government one month to ensure that the ban is lifted since it breached European Union

ensure that the ban is intred shot it breather is the dealer of the laws laws on free movement of agricultural products. a commission spokesman said, Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia, and Rhine-land-Palatinate last week blocked imports of British beel. A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food welcomed the commission's move, saying that Britain has been pressing Brussels to act for some time. — Julie Wolf

Appeal to free editor

AMNESTY International last night called on the Home Office to Abartes I'f international last ingit while of the trade o

political asylum. In a report released today, the rights organisa-tion said he risked being toxtured or killed if sent to India. A Court of Appeal application for judicial review of the decision to deport him and the legality of his detention without charge or trial will be heard on Friday. — Owen Boucott

Contraception advice wanted

DOCTORS are not giving women the information they want about contraception, the Contraceptive Education Service reported today. A survey of 744 women aged 16 to 49 found that 40 per cent wanted to know more about possible side effects, and 24 per cent wanted to know more about health risks like thrombosis. More than 60 per cent of women questioned cited side effects as a key factor in their decision to stop using a previous method of

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the two girls were now terrifaction of their partner had stopped them employing this method. fied to go out, because of the trauma they still suffered and

fear of reprisals from friends Writ served on Rifkind

Police had to take special THE Defence Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, a major general, a brigadier, and four other soldiers were yesterday served with a writ from a drummer in the Grenadier Guards claiming damages security measure to protect the girls after one was threat-ened she would be shot if she for assault, false imprisonment, and lack of medical care. Private Stephen Jordan, aged 23, was released from close arrest They have had to face real in December when lawyers obtained a writ of habens corpus fear, threats and continued pressure for over a year," said PC Alison Pike, who helped to counsel the girls. against the Ministry of Defence. He is expected to be court martialled next month on charges of theft, and is now confined to Victoria harracks in Windsor. - Owen Boucont

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At the moment, you probably keep your savings in a Bank or Building Society account. It makes sense. Especially if you need money for everyday expenses, like bills or small purchases.

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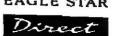
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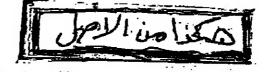
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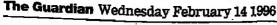
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EENAGE girls and many gay men are fac-ing a loveless Valentine's Day as they struggle to come to terms with the demise of their favourite heart throbs, Take That. The Manchester four-

some, the most successful British band of the decade, rumour yesterday by say-ing that their next single, How Deep Is Your Love, will be their last.

He said: "Thanks for ev-erybody's support in the last five years. You've been absolutely fantastic. Unfortunately the rumours are true. From today, it's no singles.

more." Member Mark Owen, aged 24, added: "We do very much care about the fans, but we have done all we can do."

Take That's split has been on the cards ever since the departure last summer of its youngest member, Robbie Williams aged 22. Owen, Jason Or-ange, aged 25, and Howard Donald, aged 27, appeared realistic about life after Take That. Asked if they might fade away, Owen said: "There's every chance of that."

Take That were five northern lads brought together five years ago by manager Nigel Martin Smith to emulate the success of US boy band New Kids On The Block. The band eventually had seven



HOTOGRAPH: RALE GRO

Gummer pressed to kill film theme park plans

Green-minded Tories oppose Labour peer's £225m project

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Movie World. The companies

hope it would attract 2 mil-

area of Greater London," Sir Michael said. HE Environment Sec retary, John Gummer, was under pres-

"It has become the symbol of the Government's desire to prevent the ruin of the counsure last night to reject plans for a £225 million film theme park unveiled yes-terday by the media group tryside by excessive development. Any attempt to relax MAI, headed by Labour peer Lord Hollick, and the film the rules must be prevented." Richard Barnes, leader of company Warner Brothers.

the Conservative group on Labour-controlled Hillingdon The 150-acre complex planned for Hillingdon, West borough council, said the London, which would create prospect of 2 million people descending on the area filled him with "abject horror". up to 3.500 jobs, would be called Warner Brothers

The complex is expected to win planning permission, but a public inquiry is likely be-

lion visitors from April to Ocfore the plan goes ahead. Lord Hollick, who is over-seeing MAI's £3 billion tober each year, after opening in spring or summer 1999. But Sir Michael Shersby, Tory MP for Uxbridge and merger with Daily Express president of the London Green Belt Council, said he owner United News & Media, said the studio would provide a shot in the arm to the Britwould be asking Mr Gummer

ish film industry. He said it would enable to veto the project. "This huge development is

belt policy, which is intended to prevent further urban ex-pansion around the built-up

Lord Hollick . . . teamed up with Warner Bros

The studios will also reinforce west London's concentration of specialist media skills and help to retain the nation's wealth of film and

Studios in the late 1980s, de-nied that MAI was contribut-

television-making talent." Lord Hollick, who was chairman of Shepperton

from American companies.

theme park. It will celebrate the best, the dearest in Brit-isb film-making, and will feature a large number of enter-tainments featuring films made at Ealing, Shepperton, Pinewood and Elstree." The park would have

themed rides, shows based on Warner films and cartoons, including Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Superman, and ex-bibits celebrating the history of British films.

Its studios would be the first built from scratch in Britain since the second world war. Lord Hollick said world war bold include a TV soap opera, which would keep the studios busy all year. Warner and MAI have also set up a film production ompany

The Pinewood and Shepperton studios are near the theme park site. Demand for film-making facilities in Britain has increased sharply in recent years, particularly

Last summar the James Bond film Goldeneye had to be shot in a disused factory

Row over cancer link to power pylons

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domestic wire plugged in to the mains in the basement of

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Owen Bowcott

LAIMS that radioactive radon gas in the air may be the link between high-voltage pylons and an increased risk of can-

car started fierce scientific controversy yesterday. The row follows a study by Bristol university team under Denis Henshaw, which proposed that radioactive

radon naturally present in the atmosphere was attracted by electromagnetic fields in pylons and domestic electri al equipment. **Bis team's explanation**

linking electromagnetic fields and cancer was welcomed by

ity generating companies over childhood leukaemias. But it was dismissed by the National Radiological Protec-tion Board as "implausible". The study, published in the International Journal of Radi-ation Biology, found electro-magnetic fields activated the radon, known to be a cancer risk, and increased the potential dosage to humans. "Our findings potentially solve the enigma that there

has been no convincing mech-anism by which electromagnetic fields could affect any o the known developmental stages of cancers," Professor Henshaw said.

"They show such

lawyers trying to sue electric- (concentrate a whole cocktail (tended to deposit radon parti of potential carcinogenic agents. We believe the fields cles on surfaces and make them less likely to be inhaled. are able to increase the quan-But the board did concede evitity of such agents absorbed by the body." dence for an "association" be-tween electromagnetic fields Professor Henshaw, funded by the Medical Research

and cancer. Martin Day, a solicitor suing Norweb over the death from leukaemia of a boy from Bolton, welcomed the research, saying: "It's a major breakthrough." The Leukaemia Research

radioactive radon particles. The board, whose studies have dismissed claims of a risk from living under high-voltage power lines, yester-day said: "The weight of evi-dance whuld success electric Fund also welcomed the find-ings, but added: This does not prove that electromagnetic fields cause leukaemia dence would suggest electric fields will, if anything, - but it does point to the need for further investigation slightly reduce human expo-sure to radon." Electric fields into the effects of electro netic fields and radon.

Met may hold biased officers liable after race case payout

Suncan Campbel Crime Correspondent

BLACK detective yes Aterday won an estimated £30,000 damages from the Metropolitan police for racial discrimination in a settle-ment which raises the possibility that individual officers

who discriminate against colleagues could be personally

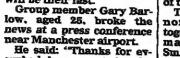
f an officer has been on an equal opportunities training claimed be had been discrimi-nated against and victimised course he or she may be con-sidered personally liable for any discriminatory actions. The Metropolitan Police Fed-eration confirmed that it is plaint was withdrawn on payment of compensation. having officers insured

against such a possibility. Detective Constable Peter Franklin and the Metropoli-£30,000. The Police Federation tan Police reached agreement supported Mr Franklin, who yesterday after he brought an has been in the service for 16

Mr Franklin, who was I tan Police commissioner, ac based at Epsom, Surrey, knowledged in a statement that the appraisal was unfair and apologised for the dis-tress caused. Mr Franklin was a "thoroughly profes-sional and highly regarded ofbecause of his race. His com-Neither side would confirm ficer and colleague".

the amount paid, but it is Mike Bennett, chairman of understood to be about the Metropolitan Police Federation, said the situation facing supervisory officers when giving below-average apprais-





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6 WORLD NEWS Manila hails child sex case Californian justice

An unprecedented prosecution of a British man reflects growing | concern in the Philippines, Nick Cumming-Bruce reports

people like the Briton Michael Clarke would be put to death with a lethal injection or whatever means the Philippines eventually

adopts for judicial execution. The 49-year-old Sussex man was caught on a concealed camera last year assuring a presumed customer that "you can get young girls 12 years old." Brochures provided by his Eastbourne-based Paradise Express travel agency of-fered access to "headstrong young fillies" who were "teth-ered" in a bar named the OK Corral A poster displayed at a house he used in the Philippines implied children of both sexes were available. Mr Clarke faces a possible

F SENATOR Ernesto 20 years in jail if convicted of iton whose Preda Foundation, Herrera had his way, promoting child prostitution based in Olongapo, pressed people like the Briton being heard by a court in charges against Mr Clarke. Olongapo City, the northern town gently decaying outside the gates of the former US naval base of Subic Bay.

His case, however, is extraordinary on several counts. Mr Clarke was filmed by ITN and featured in a doc by ITN and tearned in a doc-umentary on child prostitu-tion aired last year. He denies the charges and said the film had been doctored. But al-mat as provided in the form most as unusual is the fact his case ever came to trial. "There has been not one conviction of a foreign paedo-

based in Olongapo, pressed charges against Mr Clarke. Activists like Fr Cullen hope Mr Clarke's case may mark a new departure in the struggle against child prostitution.

Mr Herrera's call for the death penalty for paedophiles is part of a growing reaction against child prostitution. President Fidel Ramos last week called for a national

campaign against child abuse and declared the second week of February a special aware ness week for what he called one of the most under-reported forms of abuse. He

phile in this country since the passing of the Child Protec-tion Act in 1992," fumes has created a special police task force to tackle the issue and has set up committe s including groups like Preda as consultants. Father Shay Cullen, a cam-paigner against child prostitu-

lusions that such steps will make much difference to what is almost a national industry. "You chop off one head on the monster and another one grows," sighs Fr Culler

The United Nations Chil-dren's Fund believes there are 60,000 child prostitutes in the Philippines, second only to Thailand. A skating rink a stone's throw from the depart-ment of tourism is one of the main pickup points in Ma-nila, Fr Cullen notes, the streets around a church provide another. Welfare workers blame a collapse of values as much as the poverty for the numerous

cases of families which prostitute their own children or sell them to pimps. Foreign preda-tors have been quick to spot the opportunitie Japanese and Taiwanese ar-

Welfare workers have no il- | the most active exploiters of | dren and works with those dechildren, social groups work-ing with the children say. But tained for prostitution. . Even when foreigners are individuals from Australia and Europe, particularly Ger-many, Britain and France are also high in the charts of of-

Tony Bevan, former mayor of a small Australian town, who operated a network importing Filipino boys. Another ring is supplying Amerasian chil-dren from Olongapo to Oki-nawa, Fr Cullen reports. But efforts to combat the

business are routinely frus-trated by corruption in the police, the prosecutors and the courts, campaigners say. Policemen on a salary of per-haps £130 a month make five to six times that amount in payoffs from pimps when for-eigners take children, points

out Dominique Lemay, whose Virlanie Foundation operates nine homes for street chilriving on sex tours are among

arrested, most, like the German bosinessman, Dutch stu-dent and US student picked up last mouth, are granted bail of perhaps a few hundred pounds fenders, they say. Activists cite the case of and many skip the country. But groups like Preda and Virianie have adopted a new

tactic, working with police they can trust and lobbying anthorities to appoint prose-cutors known to be clean. In Olongapo, confidence in-spired by the prosecutor in Mr Clarke's case has triggered a rash of abuse reports. They are also getting to grips with extra-territorial legislation introduced by Aus-tralia and several European

countries, allowing prosecu-tion at home for offences com-mitted abroad. "Even if they escape we will follow up," Mr Lemay says. "We are in the process of getting organised." The Guardian Wednesday February 14 1996

system fails blacks

A STAGGERING 39 per cent of black Californian men in their 20s were in prison, held on remand or on probation last year.

according to a new study. The rate was about 1 in 10 for young Latino males, and 1 in 20 for white men. The findings of the Centre on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, based on a review of Californian statistics, were released on Monday. While previous studies have suggested that blacks and whites use drugs at about the same rate, blacks were arrested for drug offences at approximately five times the rate of whites during the so-called "war on drugs" in 1989. This also greatly accelerated the incarceration of young black women, now serving sentences at rates close to that of white men. The study also reveals that, in Los Angeles, blacks are

rates close to that of white men. The study also reveals that, in Los Angeles, blacks are charged under California's "Three Strikes, You're Out" law at 17 times the rate of whites. In addition, one-third of whites who are first-time offenders had their charges reduced compared with one quarter of blacks and Latinos, and prison sentences for drug offences were also harsher for blacks and Latinos than whites: Latinos went to prime at traine the rate of whites blacks used to the rest. parsner for blacks and Latinos than whites' Latins's wain in prison at twice the rate of whites; blacks one-third more frequently. "The data supports disparily at every level of the criminal justice system," said Vincent Schiraldi, the centre's executive director. — Los Angeles Times.

Monster' freed on appeal

PIETRO PACCIANI, the elderly farmer convicted of being the "Monster of Florence", was yesterday acquitted on appeal, and was aspected to be released from prison last night. In reaching their verdict, the judges swept aside a last-minute attraction article accust in bone address from part minute attempt to get the court to hear evidence from new witnesses who were said to have watched Mr Pacciani commit one of the double murders of which he was found not guilty. His one of the double murders of which he was found hot guilty. Als acquittal raised the chilling question of who, in reality, was the "Monster" — and whether he might strike again. In 1994 the 69-year-old smallholder was sentenced to life imprisonment for seven dual homicides. But last month, a imprisonment for seven dual nomicules, but last month, in prosecutor told the appeal judges in Florence that the state to longer trusted the evidence on which he had been convicted. Yesterday, however, the same prosecutor told the court that new evidence had been provided by four as yet unnamed witnesses. Two claimed to have watched Mr Pacciani and another man commit the 1965 murder of two French tourists. A total of 16 people were killed in the hills around Florence between 1968 and 1985. Mr Pacciani was aquitted of one of the double-murders at the original trial. — John Hooper, Romc.

Papua rebels make contact

REBELS holding 13 hostages, including four Britons, In the remote Indonesian province of Irian Jaya have made contact with the Red Cross, the first time they have done so since January. Since Friday, representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have been dropping leaflets from helkopters throughout the jungle, or banding them to tribespeople in the hope of contacting the kidnappers. "The rebel leader, Kelik (Kelly) Kwalik, received the message sent by the ICRC through the Amungme tribespeople last week," a source close to the rescue operation said yesterday. "Kwalik has written a reply to the ICRC that he had received the message." "The communication was the first since the army lost radio contact with the Free Papua Movement rebels on January 35 after a bishop had met Mr Kwalik. REBELS holding 13 hostages, including four Britons, in the

a bishop had met Mr Kwalik. Twenty-six people were seized on January 8 in Mapunduma, 100 miles from Wamena. The rebels freed 13 of them but six Europeans and seven Indonesians remain hostage. The Europeans include Britons Daniel Start, William Oates, Annetie van der Kolk and Anna McIvor. - Reuter, Jakarta.

Kim calls for island's defence

STAKING his country's pride on a disputed islet in the Sea of Japan, South Korea's President Kim Young-San urged police in an unusual phone call yesterday to defend the tiny island. The long-standing tosale between Japan and South Korea over Tok-do — called Takeshima in Japanese — has exploded into a diplomatic fray in the last week, after both countries planned to declare exclusive economic zones around the island. "I ask that you take pride in your work and do your utmost," Mr Kim told maritime police, a spokesman said. "By defending Tok-do, you safegnard not only our land, but pride of the people Mr Kim's highly unusual telephone call to police Lieutenant

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China faces grain crisis

John Gittings

Berlously alarned by grain shortages which could lead to food riots in urban areas, says a leading expert on the environment.

The need for huge grain imports will also complicate China's relations with the United States.

On the eve of the Chinese New Year festival, the state planning commission has warned that rising food prices will cause "a strong reaction from the masses".

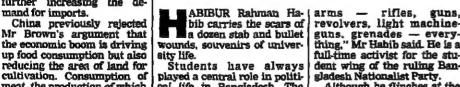
Provincial governors are being asked to take personal responsibility for efforts to

boost grain production. Food shortages will be "politically destabilising when people feel trapped by rising prices," argues Lestor Brown, president of the USbased Worldwatch Institute.

Mr Brown says that China's need for grain imports will se its dependence upon world market — in spite of dis-agreements over Taiwan or trade. This is causing real con Collared . . . A man is arrested during a demonstration in Dhaka yesterday to oppose Thursday's planned general election cern to the Chinese leadership. Chinese leaders now warn that "lagging agricultural Student thugs wage pre-election war growth ... could threaten sta-bility" and that China may face a "downward spiral" of grain production. US Department of Agriculture figures show that maize prices in are already higher Suzanne Goldenberg in Dhaka reports than average world levels further increasing the demand for imports. China previously rejected Mr Brown's argument that the economic boom is driving up food consumption but also reducing the area of land for meat, the production of which requires large inputs of grain, has increased fivefold in 16 years. Demand for beer climbed from 1 billion litres in 1981 to 13 billion in 1994. Meanwhile, China's grain area has dropped by more than 5 per cent in four years, while population has grown by nearly the same amount. The number of provinces importing grain is predicted to rise from the present 12 to 22 by the end of the next decade. There is no historical precedent for what is happening in China today with such a vast population," says Mr Brown in a book published this week * Europe's post-war transformation into a modern Hotto nyuusu from Japan transformation into a modern consumer society started from a higher industrial base and a smaller population. Grain production is now Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo levelling off in China well below population growth. It is also hindered by water short-W FRIEND Kenjiro Kobayashi admits that he is a lazy felages, which last year resulted last year in the Yellow River drying up. Critics say China should seek to impose tight control on water use, and tax the conversion of crop land.

* Who Will Feed China? (Earthscan, 19.95).

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Students have always cal life in Bangladesh. The campaign for independence started from a canteen at Dhaka University in 1969, as did the movement that even-tually toppled General Hussain Mohammed Ershad in

is known locally as a mastam — the hooligans widely held responsible for the steep rise in violence before Thursday's comparis elections general elections. Although both the BNP and December 1990. But that era of idealism has the main opposition party, the Awami League, rely on so-called student leaders to enevaporated in the five tumultuous years since the return to parliamentary democracy. force strikes or to get crowds out for demonstrations, the leaving a residue of violence where party affiliations

ruling party appears to have the upper hand. The mastaans have penescarcely matter. "You've got to understand that in 1991, every party had | trated all levels of public life:

Gang violence is a key element of politics, they run the protection racket dent wing, Jatiyatabadi Chha-in the bazaars of Dhaka's old tra Del, during his prison so-city. and demand a cut in the journ, local BNP leaders were award of government tenders. At Dhaka university - the country's largest with 27,000 students - there are several shoot-outs a week between

guns. grenades — every-thing," Mr Habib said. He is a the security forces and rival full-time activist for the stu-dent wing of the ruling Ban-gladesh Nationalist Party. Although he flinches at the description, Mr Habib is what campus gangs. The permanent student life has its own charm for someone like Mr Habib, aged 30, a physics graduate from the north-eastern town of Sylhet. At least it's better than jail.

Habib was released on bail on February 5 after 17 months in prison, charged with the daylight shooting of a rival student leader.

Habib protests his inno-cence in the murder - "I was actually in the mosque at that time" — and in the 40-odd other charges pending against him. Even though he was ex-

pelled by the official BNP stu-

waiting at the jail on the day of his release. They hung garlands around his neck.

handed him 100,000 takas (£1,600) and put him to work. 'As you know it's a very critical situation in the country. I don't deny the party

had an influence in my release. I am a front-ranking leader in student politics and they need me," Mr Habib said. On Monday, he was sum-moned to Dhaka to receive his instructions for tenor. his instructions for tomor-row's poll: "Politics deter-

mine what to hit, when to Although the election com-mission ordered the army on December 31 to crack down on hoodlums, the recent

spread of violence from urban centres to the countryside suggests they have not

The BNP youth wing claims to control all but one student dormitory at Dhaka university. Leaders of its Awami

League rival say this is because government agencies have given the BNP students access to a bigger arsenal — though they admit their own workers also indulge in violence.

"Sometimes arms do come to us," said Enamul Hoque Shameem, president of the Bangladesh Student League. "Officially they don't."

Despite his bravado. Mr Ha bib knows the reign of a mas-taan is short-lived. "I have been involved such a long time that I can't get out of it now alive." Bat he is working

on a career plan. Mr Habib plans to fight the next election as an MP. Local

BNP leaders have already promised him a ticket, he said.

Rushdie campaign targets EU

Yang Jae-yol came after eight more police were added to the 26-man security force on Tok-do. — A.P. Seoul.

EUROPEAN Union members should rethink their relationship with Iran because of Tehran's failure formally to undertake not to implement the fotoo against Salman Rushdie, the writer's sup-

The International Rushdie Defence Committee has told the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, that the EU must replace its "critical dialogue" with Iran with a mechanism which would increase pressure to provide a guarantee or face aid and trade restrictions.

The EU said yesterday — the seventh anniversary of the publication of the *fatura* — that it was renewing efforts to secure a written commitment from Tehran but there are fears that Italy, which currently holds the EU presidency, is not doing enough "In falling to provide this commitment han stands as a nation prepared to condone terrorism," the committee said. "The EU is

motally and politically obliged to take note of this transgression and to act against it." — Ian Black, Diplomatic Editor, London.



in freezing temperatures, relatives of the 20 people trapped in a collapsed road tunnel in northern Japan watch rescuers make their third attempt to blast their way into it yesterday. Another blast was postponed until today

Zaire troops seal camp

TROOPS closed off the second-largest Rwandan refugee camp in eastern Zaire yesterday to hasten the return home of the 189,000 people who have been living there for 18 months. Spacing themselves 100 yards along a main road that borders Kibumba Camp, the troops told the refugees they could no longer come and go from the camp and that it would be closed. "We have not been told what is happening, it all depends on the will of the Zaireans," said one frightened refugee. "I do not want to go hack to Rwanda." Peter Kessler, spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said so far the soldiers

Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said so far the soldiers had behaved well, adding he hoped "this will kick of more woluntary repatriations." — AP, Kibumba comp, Zaire.

Lagos air controllers strike

AIR traffic controllers at the Lagos airport staged a five-hour strike yesterday to protest at the alleged beating of their boss by presidential security guards. The strike forced a halt to civilian air traffic at the country's main airport. The strikers said that the chief of the national air traffic

controllers was beaten on Sunday after a presidential plane was banned from taking off from the northern city of Maiduguri because its was 2am and the airport was closed. — AP, Lagos.



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hotto kohii [hot coffee] while I watch the *nyuusu* [news] on *terebi* [television]." Ris father, Kazuo, says he is appalled, not so much at the rushed breakfast or lack of proper nourishment as at all those imported words. "Sometimes I cannot

low in the mornings and never bothers to cook him-self a proper Japanese breakfast. "I am always rushing so just have *puusu* understand what the young are talking about. When I look at the magazines that [Juice], some pan [bread] and jyamu (jam), with a cup of the young like - which even have foreign names,

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like Be-Pal, Flash and Trendy - I cannot understand more than half of what they say."

He is not alone. It has been calculated that 10 per roots. cent of the words used in Japanese today are gair-aigo — imported from out-side. Other surveys show that more than 60 per cent of Japanese in their sixties have difficulty understanding the gairaigo used on the

It seems to be torendti (trendy) for modern Japa-nese to show off imported words. Kenjiro's girlfriend, for example, is an OL, the when someone scores.

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English abbreviation the Japanese have adopted for office lady. They even write OL on their passport forms. She uses a waaparo (word processor) in her job at a shinku tanku (think tank) associated with a big Strip has increased the risk of confrontation in Jerusalem as bank, where she works with sararimen (salarymen)like Kenjiro. She lan. sometimes complains of sekuhara (sexual harass-

ment) on her way to work. Cynics say that by the time the Japanese have got their tongues round the words it is often impossible to recognise their English

A special art-form is the abbreviated portmanteau word put together from Japanese and English. Who would have guessed that karaoke originally comes from kara, the Japanese for empty, and oke, short for orchestra.

Sport, fashion. cooking and cosmetics have borrowed freely from abroad. Football commentators will often yell naisu shotto

tant Islamists could be plan Derek Brown in Jerusalem ning an attack The prime minister, Shi-mon Peres, told the army radio station that there was information that an attack SRAEL'S latest ban on the entry of Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza

Border closure increases

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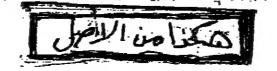
was imminent, "particularly at the end of 40 days since the finishing off of the Engineer". The Engineer, the non-dethe master bombmaker of the main Islamist movement, ims had been expected to gather in the city this week to pray in the al-Agsa mosque. Most are now barred.

Hamas, who was assassinated in the Gaza Strip by Israeli agents on January 5. The tra-ditional mourning period for Muslims lasts 40 days. The closure of Israel's bor-ders comes at the most sensi-

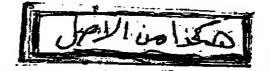
tive time of the year. Tomor-Hamas has vowed to avenge row night, Muslims mark Leilath al-Qadr, the 27th day the murder of Ayyash, whom Israel holds responsible for a spate of suicide bombings. of Ramadan, on which the prophet Mohammed received Palestinians are seething

with anger at the latest blow to their livelihoods and relifrom heaven the first words of the Koran. The following day is the last, and by tradition the most gious observance.

"These measures are com-pletely unjustified," said a senior officer in the Palestinsacred, Friday in Ramadan. Saturday sees the start of the great feast of Bid al-Fitr, ian autonomous authority. marking the end of the fast. Other officials predicted that Israel would impose fur-ther security restrictions in Israel imposed the closure - the latest of a series inrecent years - in response to the run-up to the election, exintelligence reports that mili- | pected on May 28 or June 4.



Muslims prepare for the cli-max of the fasting month of guerre of Yahya Ayyash ----Thousands of devout Mus-



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As the hero of the right surges through the primaries, regular Republicans are beginning to talk of Alexander



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Humbling **Dole gives** Buchanan the **Big Mo**

In the end the charismatic rightwinger may prove too extreme for the Republicans, but he is writing their agenda, reports Jonathan Freedland in Des Moines

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EUPHORIC Pat Bu-chanan stormed into ander, who took third place with 18 per cent. That means New Hampshire yes-Mr Dole now faces challen from both left and right, Mr Alexander wooing Republi-can moderates while Mr Buterday as the undisputed champion of the Republican right, fresh from his triumph in humbling the par-ty's presidential front-runner chanan wins over ultra conservatives. Bob Dole in his own backyard. The multi-millionaire pub-

lisher Steve Forbes cancelled a day of campaigning in New Hampshire yesterday to hud-dle with advisors and draw up a new strategy. His blitzkrieg of negative television advertising caused a backlash by Iowa voters, who con-founded pollsters and rewarded him with 10 per

"The victory is tremendous, my friends," he told ecstatic supporters. "We are going to win this nomination." The result left Mr Dole the official winner but looking deenly universable By separate cent and fourth place. Few were ready to discount him altogether, however.

deeply vulnerable. By scoring just 28 per cent in what is all. but home ground — he comes from neighbouring Kansas appealing in that state. Polls before the Iowa contest the Senate majority leader

Thumb signs in Iowa ... Bob Dole, left, Pat Buchanan, above, and Lamar Alexander greet their supporters as the results of the state Republican caucuses come in PHOTOGRAPHS: Charle Nelbergel/Eric Depar/Dave Weaver Bush in 1992, can now claim | tory. After his 9 per cent poll

to be the true conservative in the 1996 race. With much less money than his rivals, and few organisational roots in lowa, he nevertheless suchim altogether, however. few organisational roots in With unlimited funds, he can keep running indefinitely — and New Hampshire's histor-ic allergy to taxation should flowa — behind his anti-make his call for a flat tax between the taxa and tax make his call for a flat tax between the taxa and tax here to be the taxa and tax here to be the taxa and tax here to be taxation to be the taxa and tax here to be taxation to be taxation to be taxation to be taxation here taxation to be taxation tobs taxation to be taxation to be taxation to be taxatio to be tax ported by 41 per cent of Chris-tian Republicans, who ac-counted for nearly half the lowa turnout. They filed into churches, barns and living rooms throughout the state to Until last week the Chris-

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neighbours that he was back-ing Mr Buchanan because "he is a moral man". But the rightwing firebrand

appeals to more than Christian fundamentalists. He touches a nerve in blue-collar audiences, drawn by his promise to stand up for "the little guy" against "the fat-cats on Wall Street" who ship American inhe abroad in pun-

He told a room full of his | were with him. Mr Buchanan says that only he can forge a winning coalition of religious conservatives and so-called Reagan Democrats - the

lower-income voters recruited by Ronald Reagan in the 1990s. The conventional wisdom is that he is so extreme he is Now he will slug it out with Mr Dole for the right unelectable, and that the Republican Party will never let him win its nomination. to represent what Alexan-But as he ke muscle expands daily. Even if Republicans, the 75 per he is ultimately thwarted, he cent of the party not can threaten to drain blood aligned with the Christian from the Dole campaign, ex-Coalition. pose the rifts in the party, and dictate the terms for the entire coming debate. After all, he has already started.



ABC may spell victory for Lamar

Jonathan Freedland in Des Moines, Iowa

Regular Republicans want an alternative, but are un-happy with Mr Dole, be-cause he is too old and too BOB DOLE won, a fire-and-brimstone right-winger called Pat came second and in third place was an affable chap who few believed could make it to the White House. That was the outcome of the Iowa caucuses — in 1988. With an uncanny sense of *déjà vu*, it was also the result on Monday night. Except this time the far-right candidate was not televangelist Pat Robertson but Pat Buchanan, and the number three spot went not to Vice-President George Bush, bat the former gover-

nor of Tennessee, Lamar Alexander. The parallel is encouraging for Mr Alexander, not least because Mr Bush went on to win the Republican nomination and the presi-dency. Mr Alexander be-lieves this is the breakthrough he has been waiting for, the cue to walk on to a national stage so far hogged by Mr Dole, Mr Bu-chapan and multi-million-

aire Steve Forbes. The candidate is elated, claiming that the 18 per cent he culled in Iowa proves there is a constituency for a moderate Repub-lican who isn't Bob Dole.

"Thank you Iowa, on to New Hampshire — Let the future begin," he told a cheering crowd of support-ers, most of them wearing the red and black checked shirt that is the Lamar trademark, visual short-hand for man-of-the-people.

much of an insider "wounded dinosaur", cording to Mr Murphy. Enter Lamar Alexander whose chief boast is his electability. On stage with him at every campaign stop are three, outsized building blocks with the letters, A, B, C: "Alexander Beats Clinton."

The Clinton White House certainly fears him, per-haps more than any other candidate. As a former southern governor, he matches the president but can also make the coveted boast of being a political "outsider". His message of devolving news out devolving power out from Washington to the 50 states is in tune with the current US mood, and yet he is not too associated with the excesses of Newt Gingrich's so-called Republican Revolution on Capitol Hill.

The Alexander victory scenario envisages a wounded Bob Dole taking further hits from a surging Pat Buchanan. A few more Iowa-style weak showings would prompt a switch of moderates away from Mr Dole, forcing him out of the race by March. That would leave a straight fight be-tween Mr Alexander and an unelectable Mr Buchanan and the nomination would be within reach.

But there are pitfalls ahead. Moderates are not as strong in New Hamp-shire, and Mr Alexander's Mr Nice Guy image could soon crumble as the US media prepares to take its first hard look at the candidate over the coming days.

Mr Buchanan's stunning second place in Monday's Iowa caucuses, three points behind Mr Dole, gave him a mighty surge of momentum — the Big Mo in American political parlance - towards next Tuesday's showdown in New Hampshire.

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go back to what America was, to what the founding fathers wanted it to be," said an im-passioned Larry Smith at a meeting of the Des Moines 66

hican jobs abroad in suit of cheaper wages. His success in Iowa is all the more remarkable in that his protectionist message was thought likely to alienate the state's farmers, who depend on exports. But exit polls showed that poorer voters s call Regulai a free ride

The chief problem could be Lamar Alexander himself. He is charming and "Pat Buchanan scares the hell out of them," says the Alexander campaign chair-man, Mike Murphy. These

arms-control group is respon-sible for mounting inspec-

tions and hosting similar

short-notice visits from other CFE treaty signatories. On

this trip there are also guest

inspectors from France and

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French army to Russian airfield plays willing host to former enemies be cut by half David Fairhall in Savostleyka reports on |

Paul Webster in Paris

of alarm in the Dole camp was

the unexpectedly strong showing of the former gover-

HE French army is to be almost halved under a plan which President Jacques Chirac will outline to tary service is expected to be replaced by a shorter civilian his defence council next week. His military planners have recommended scrapping the main French input to the Eurocorps and sharply reduc-ing the military presence in Africa.

that career soldiers are a po-litical threat. a fear rein-The council will meet on Wednesday to discuss dis-banding more than 100 regiforced by the revolt by senior officers opposed to Algerian independence and career offi-cers' involvement in the OAS ments at home and abroad, including the 14 which make up the first armoured divsecret army which tried to ision, France's contribution kill Charles de Gaulle. But a review of the army's role and a reduction in milito the Eurocorps. The 21.000-strong contingent's withdrawal from Germany could tary spending have been inev-itable since the end of the cold lead to the unit being disbanded, despite promises that it would be the foundation of joint European defence

war. France needs to create a force capable of meeting the high-technology era and en-gaging inpeace enforcing mis-sions like Bosnia. Only about 80 regiments are expected to survive the cuts, which will be outlined to The defence minister, Charles Millon, said the new model army would be built around a strategy of intervenparliament next month for de-bate in June. The total strength could be reduced from 240,000 men and women tion outside France, creating what he called "our new line of defence". The proposed withdrawal of troops from to 130,000. The timetable has

yet to be revealed. Since the Gaullist party draws much of its traditional electorate from the army, the reforms are certain to cause an uproar and split rightwing

explains the new strategy. Except for a few staff offiparties. With only two years before the general election is due, the political risks will be cers linked to the Eurocorps. in which Germany, Spain and increased by proposals to close up to 150 barracks. many of them in towns where Belgium participate, all French troops in Germany will be withdrawn. According the army provides most of the to military planners, disbandjobs and supports local ing the Eurocorps is already business. under study, but no decision

The effect would be felt most in eastern and southern could be taken without con-France, two of the worst areas of unemployment.

are based in Africa and the Jobs are already threatened French Indian Ocean, Caribby proposals to reduce orders for armaments and naval bean and Polynesian territo-ries. Despite recent denials equipment. that African bases will be The reforms presage a funclosed, the reforms are based

damental change in national thinking in preparation for an all-professional army. A an all-professional army. A missions in Senegal, the Cen-reduction in its strength tral African Republic and would mark the end of con- Djibouti.

an arms inspection in a new era of trust scription, created after the Revolution and maintained as

HE 54th fighter aviation regiment had only six hours' notice yesterday that its airfield, in a frozen ted escort officers — proforest 200 miles east of Moscow, was required for the first time to host a team of British her inventory. arms control inspectors.

version for both men and Like all proper military oc casions, this one began with the briefing, at which the Russian base commander for-Previous attempts to establish an all-volunteer force were frustrated by the fear nally acknowledged the exis tence of site 0149, declared with its aircraft under the 1990 Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty at a pre-cise latitude and longitude. Maps were compared, delegations introduced. Then out on to the snow-

Stephen Bates

in Strasbourg

CLASH over the num

ber of imports of Ameri-can television pro-

grammes allowed into Europe

is likely to pit the European Parliament against member

governments 'today. MEPs

are to vote on imposing much

tighter controls across a

range of media to protect

European culture and

The move is spearheaded

by an alliance including Brit-

ish Labour MEPs and is sup-

ported by film trade unions

and writers' organisations. If successful, it would bring the

parliament into conflict with both the European Commis-sion and the Council of Minis-

ters, which regard quotas as

impractical and counter-

France is pressing ahead

with quotas restricting

English language songs on

productive.

overed runway, where the the Chechen crisis is over.

even the serial number riveted inside the wheel bays. And since this is the first time Moscow has allowed the ted escort officers - pro-cessed down a line of SU-27 media to cover such an inspection, she also had to fend off questions from a Sky tele-vision reporter about air defence fighters to take

More than 50,000 aircraft, armoured vehicles and guns whether the Russians took her seriously even though she have been destroyed by Nato was a woman. If they did not, the fur hats showed no sign of it. Every and the former Warsaw Paci since the epoch-making treaty protocol was observed. The hospitality was elaborate and came into force. The residual armouries are now being me friendly. ticulously checked.

Base commander Major-Russia's overall numerical General Gennady Mukhame-dyarov, a veteran of the for-mer Soviet air forces in East compliance is not in doubt, though there is diplomatic argument about its refusal to remove sufficient forces from Germany, said it was importhe Caucasus - at least until tant to show that all the declared information was cor-

grammes like Eastenders, Spender and Pride and Preju-

dice, which mirror our cul-ture and identity, as well as

our favourite US imports. It

will be good news for jobs, business and British creative

The proposers of the mea-

sures argue that there is a def-

icit estimated at \$3.7 billion a

year between European and US film and television im-

ports. Eighty per cent of films shown in Europe are US-

proposals would en-

talent."

made.

The

puter network.

broadcasters.

TV imports battle looms

the parliament to impose quo-tas on domestic channels.

Attempts by the French to

stiffen quotas to preserve

Suropean - and specifically

their own - culture were headed off by governments

led by Britain and Germany

last year. Film and television associa

tions have warned MEPs of a

consumer backlash if there is

any attempt to restrict what the public can watch and of

dire problems for the growing

audio-visual sector. The in-dustry says restrictions

would be impossible to

There have even been grave

warnings that the British pre-

dilection for imported televi-

sion soaps such as the Austra-

lian-produced Neighbours

could be put at risk, although

in fact the BBC and ITV al-

ready meet the guidelines

proposed by the parliament.

Carole Tongue, the Labour MEP for London East and the

party's media spokesperson,

enforce.

Maj Roberts had come to | rect. If was a matter of trust, make doubly sure, recording | he said, now that former ene-not just the symbols painted | mies had become more like on the SU-27s' tail fins, but | colleagues.

While Maj Roberts was counting aircraft on the run-way, her boss, Lieutenant-Colonel Henk de Jager, toured the rest of the base

'We don't expect to find anything

wrong. We're just being consistent'

News in brief

Lockerbie

Libya firm on

Libya's General People's Con-

poking into any building that looked interesting. Under the CFE treaty, inspectors are entitled to open any door that measures more than 2 metres. That included the doors of the pig farm

where the Russians rear their from Scampton in Lincoln-own pork. shire, where a tri-service "It's not that we expect to

find anything wrong," Col de Jager explained. "It's a matter of exercising our rights and being consistent - otherwise, when you come back in three years' time, they'll say: Why are you so suspicious?"

Norway. Savostleyka is a self-con-tained community, rather Under the treaty rules, the Russians had no idea which like a big United States base site would be chosen until the in Britain, but the country Scampton team landed at

side here is forested and alive with elk, wild boar and the occasional wolf — or so the Moscow airport. Unlike some of the early American inspectors, Col de Russians say. In addition to the 54th regiager did not insist on every letter of the law. "We're doing more than count equipment," he said. "We're trying to build a relationship." ment it bouses a flight training centre teaching pilots to fly the SU-27, the most power-

ful Russian fighter aircraft, which has just been sold to As it happens, the symbol of the Savostleyka base is China for licensed production George and the Dragon. which it shares with Moscow there. which it shan The British team flew in and England.

reported on his businesses, | test, a Solidarity trade union spokesman said. - Reuter.

Mexico pact near

Mexican officials and Zapatista rebels yesterday restarted peace talks expected to produce the first formal acyears ago. - Reuter.

Nigerian Afro-beat superstar Fela Anikulapo-Kuti has been Miners at about a third of Poand's coalmines stopped coal | freed from detention after his deliveries yesterday, stepping arrest last week for being inup a two-week-long pay pro- | volved with drugs. - Reuter.

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gress reiterated yesterday that Tripoli would not hand over two of its citizens wanted in the West in connection with the Lockerbie bombing which killed 270 people. The congress, formally Lib-ya's top decision-making body, today in Rangoon. - AP. Polish coal strike

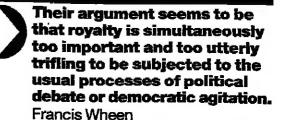
urged states to ignore United Nations sanctions imposed for Libya's refusal to hand over the suspects. - Reuter. **Havel surgery** The Czech president, Vaclav Havel, underwent urgent sur-

force a 51 per cent minimum quota of European-produced gery yesterday after a polyp in his mouth started bleeding, material on all television channels and the global com-Czech news agency CTK Opponents of quotas argue said. — Reuter. that restrictions would be dif-ficult to enforce on satellite

Army avarice

Zimbabwe's army commander admitted yesterday that Soune Wade, secretary general of the Association of President Robert Mugabe permitted him to buy farms, shops and a hotel despite Commercial Television in Burope, said: "This is a totally outdated response. Protectionism will not rules barring public officials radio stations, despite pro-tests from disc jockeys, but Britain benefits from an ex-other member states say they panding television industry. Tory MEPs are to vote will not accept any attempt by We want television pro-against the proposals. from becoming rich. General Solomon Mujuru, testifying

in his defamation trial against a magazine that had



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also said he was so angered by the magazine that he wanted to shoot dead its white ournalists. - AP.

Karen peace move The last big ethnic rebel group resisting control by cord since the uprising in Burma's military dictatorship southern state of Chiapas two plans to hold peace talks

Fela freed

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Reaping division in Iowa Dole's poor result leaves the field wide open

BOB DOLE'S conservative common- | cent of Republicans when he challenged sense has been knocked silly in the Iowa primary where the result upset all predictions except that he would do less well than last time. Mr Dole must have thought he was safe pitching for 28 per cent of the vote - nearly 10 per cent less than his score in the same primary in 1988 — yet he still undershot the mark. The reputation of being a consummate Washington insider does not necessarily strike the most enthusiastic chord with the country folk of the Midwest. Mr Dole should have had a big advantage as the farmer's friend from neighbouring Kansas. But his cam-paign contributions come from a clutch of affluent families whose agribusinesses threaten the smaller producer. His reputation as the darling of the Fortune 500 may not have gone down too well either — he may do better in a more urbane New Hampshire.

. In the end Mr Dole was less a victim of farm politics than of the whirlwind of outraged conservative opinion which blows strong every four years. This time the pollsters had been suckered by the secular appeal of Steve Forbes and over-impressed by the sheer weight of his bankroll. Instead it was that old friend the Religious Right, both wooed and feared by all vote-seeking Republi-cans, which tilted the odds for second place towards Pat Buchanan. Mr Bu-chanan appealed to a broad church (though the adjective may jar in this fundamentalist context) of anti-abortionists, anti-internationalists, and those who are anti-anything from US intervention in Bosnia to the North American Free Trade Agreement. But significantly he also captured the ma-jority of voters with family incomes under \$30,000 a year, mobilising the "economic" as well as the "social" conservatives. He moves on now to New Hampshire short of funds but knowing US presidential politics he should still that in 1992 he won the support of 37 per

George Bush. His success in Iowa might rekindle some of that support. His rocket is still likely to fall to the ground unless he can diversify his appeal to attract mainstream Republicans but he will be putting up an impressive display first.

A fiery come-back by Mr Forbes can-not be excluded either in New Hampshire which may be more fertile ground for his upper income economic message. Flat taxes sounds real nice, like never getting middle aged and having the snow cleared quickly and not being bossed by Washington. But he will find it even harder than Mr Buchanan to broaden his appeal. He is also a less effective communicator who lost significant votes in the final days of Iowa by crying foul, having delivered a good few underhand blows himself. To be fair to Mr Forbes, he has spent no more than the well-bankered Mr Dole — but he has embarrassingly little to show for it.

The "outsider" Lamar Alexander seemed yesterday to have most to show by coming third. Mr Alexander had raised his profile after a slow start in which his low-key populism threatened to sink the campaign before it began. He is less afraid than Mr Buchanan or Mr Forbes of articulating ideas, and his appeal to the middle ground of Republicanism may be more threatening in the long run to Mr Dole. Those who opposed an anti-abortion platform appear to have chosen more or less equally between the two. Mr Alexander also scored strongly as a candidate who could be regarded as capable of defeat-ing Bill Clinton. That remains in doubt - for all the contestants who are still seriously in the ring. Mr Clinton, easily written off a year ago, must contemplate the divided vote in Iowa with satisfaction. But in the crazy world of avoid complacency.

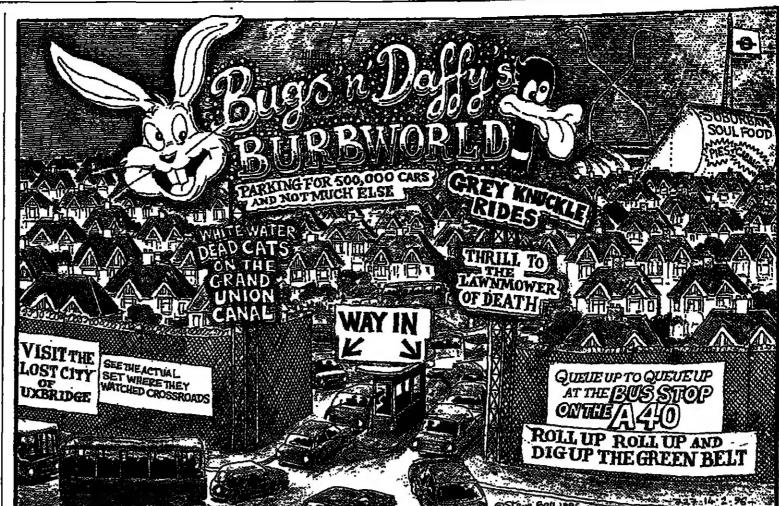
Lights and cameras. More action!

Britain's film industry would do even better with financial help

BRITAIN'S film industry appears to be exchange rate, the level of wages and enjoying a mini-renaissance while still the scent of an indigenous film revival. **Broadcast news** being deprived of the government sup-If the Government takes this as proof port deemed essential for survival. The | that non-intervention works then it will latest proposal is a £225 million film be making a serious mistake, just as it in shake-out, February 9) and TV theme park on a 150 acre site in | did when it pulled the rug from British that the ITC has given the green light to the merger heparticipation in Eurimages, the only west London to include the first functween MAI and United Newspan-European production company. tioning film studio built in Britain since 1945. Pinewood is operating flat The expansion of US film-making here out, Shepperton is being renovated and is entirely welcome. It will create em-Third Millennium Studios is to develop ployment and dissuade many talented an old aerodrome in Hertfordshire into film technicians from going abroad. But a new production complex. You don't it won't solve the fundamental problem have to be too imaginative to wonder that we don't seem able to finance our whether these developments - all quite own films let alone secure national near each other geographically - will distribution for them when we do. What one day grow into a cluster of excelthe UK film industry needs, which lence in the way that production of other countries like Ireland already Formula One cars has. offer, is financial assistance. This need For some years Britain has had most only be in the form of repayable loans of the raw materials for a successful at low rates of interest - to enable production companies to fund their film industry without any sign of it all risks for periods of up to four years before a plan becomes a film ready for coming together. We have some of the world's best directors, producers, acdistribution. The availability of £70 to £80 million of lottery money over the tors, actresses and technicians who regularly get Oscar nominations, yet most of them have to seek employment next five years will certainly help, but abroad because no one has found a way it is not enough on its own to solve the to establish a strong indigenous base to problem. Indeed, the availability of lotexploit their talents. We also have innotery money undermines the very prinvative television companies making ciple the Government holds so dear films (the BBC and Channel 4) and a that the film industry should rely solely highly acclaimed National Film and on market forces for its survival. There Television School constantly on the is no reason why Britain should not edge of a financial precipice. Recently become a serious world force in filmthere has been a bit of a buzz in the air making. If the industry can achieve all

Securing the security guards

Private firms need to be licensed and made accountable



Letters to the Editor

tion of the Scott report promises to be a debacle f the highest order (Whitehall builds Scott fallout shel-ter, February 8). Already, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Douglas Hurd have been on TV rub-bishing it. In the same way that the Mitchell report into the Northern Ireland peace process was neatly consigned to history when it appeared to challenge the Government, the findings of another body set up by the Government is being devalued. David Wells.

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ROBIN COOK'S outrage over arms sales to Iraq is synthetic. The political cul-ture which made the scandal possible was not challenged at the time by the Labour Party front bench. In 1989, British Aerospace

Graham Davey.

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into the massive Al Yamamah

arms deal? If not, why not? Will the Government now

was one of 13 British firms which exhibited at an interantional arms fair in Bagh-dad. Iraq then started negoti-ating for the purchase of 50 Hawk aircraft, capable of

/OU report (Media mogula

HE imminent publica- | dropping chemical weapons | end the massive subsidy supporting the arms-export trade? This is mainly through and worth about £300 million. The Campaign Against Arms Trade led public oppos-ition to the sale. The Shadow ministers remained silent, the Defence Export Services Organisation and the Export Credit Guarantee Departtheir lips sealed by Neil Kin-nock's embargo on any state-ment on defence policy ment. It is believed the arms trade benefits to the extent of \$1 billion each year at the taxfollowing the election defeat of 1987. Finally, when it was payers' expense. Alan Staley. clear that opposition to the 1 St Ann's Court, Nizells Avenue, Hove. East Sussex BN3 1PR. sale would be successful, the Labour front-bench foreign affairs team lent their sup-port. A few days later, the Government said that no ex-port licence would be granted.

PERHAPS the Govern-ment's behaviour concerning the evidence in the Scott report signals a change in the law? For if the accused can see the evidence against them a week before their op-If Robin Cook means what he says, let him give an un-equivocal guarantee that a future Labour government would discontinue all sales of ponents, then should the Govmilitary equipment to an ernment not be legislating for other murderous dictator, Su-harto of Indonesia. a similar procedure in the courts — giving the accused a week to study the case against them, while withholding that evidence from the prosecu-tion until a few hours before WILL the Government now release the National Audit Office report the trial starts? That should

empty the prisons. Len Clarke. 1 Middle Road, Denham, Uxbridge UB9 5EG.

An 1,800-page missile A search through the wreckage for any clues to a solution ARTHUR Aughey's appeal | valued these days more than anything else. After all, if it is for material gain, this governproposals is disingenuous

(Comment Page, February 12). The conflict has been caused by majoritarian "de-mocracy" within the sectar-ian Northern Ireland framework. The two main unionist parties would simply perpetu-ate the problem by insisting that an election within this framework is the only route for admitting Sinn Fein to allparty talks.

Such a single-issue election would lead to further sectarian polarisation. Trimble's proposal was intended to de-lay all-party talks, reduce the Dublin government's involve-ment in the peace process and marginalise the small loyalist parties — their more reason-able stance since the ceasefire began has shown up the inflexibility of Trimble's and Paisley's mainstream unionism

John Major, supported by "opposition" leader Tony Blair, adopted Trimble's promining affect than accept the Minchell advice to call imme-diately all-party talks. It seems this triggered the IRA's appalling return to bombing. Arthur Aughey claims elec-tions would make it "the people's peace process", but the delay and further margindifficult.

ment kowtows to such obje-tionable people as the Saudi royals and the Nigerian dicta-tor, General Abacha, Multi-

Wharf bombing on the British government (Comment Page, February 12). But anyone who truly seeks peace must see that, whatever the provocation, responsibility for detonating a bomb lies with those who ordered it and those who carried out that order. Until the peace-seekers are

prepared never to take an action which actually results in violence, and instead to devote all their attention and energy to achieving peace, there will never be an end to the troubles in Ulster or else-where in the world. The bit-terness and sorrow created in the hearts of those who have suffered as a result of this new act of violence only serve to make the task more

million losses in the heart of the City have their eloquence. W Paduch. Park Lane, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hants PO8. GERRY Adams places res-

as American companies have increased | this without government support, think the number of films they make in what might happen if Whitehall Britain, attracted by the skills here, the changed its tune.

papers even though such a warehousing arrangement is outlawed under the existing Broadcasting Act. Self-evidently, this cannot be the case. If the merger is illegal under current legislation, the ITC would take action to pre-vent it. The Commission believes that such avoidance devices are against the spirit if not the letter of the 1990 Act and will be seeking additional powers in the forthcoming Broadcasting Act to prevent them in future. Sarph Thane. Independent Television

Commission. 33 Foley Street London W1P 7LB.

MICHAEL Howard says some "mature people" may wish to join the probation service but are put off because of the need to do a twoyear course (Judges support 'hard' probation, February 9). I am a mature person who would like to become a doctor, but I am put off by the sixyear course in medicine. Could Howard see his way to changing the rules? Janet Walmsley.

167 Industry Street Sheffield S6 2WX. WROTE to you two years ago about "luvvies", that

patronising, unwarranted put-down your contributors casually use when referring to people in the theatre and cinema world. The practice ceased for a while: but your New Labour Establishment series speaks of "Labour huyvie David Puttnam ... and other Blair luvvies Lord Attenborough, Melvyn Bragg and Richard Wilson". For God's sake! What is the reason for this habitual Phi-

istine sneer? Stanley Walinets. Greenacres, Mickleton, Co Durham DL12 0LG.

ALL your correspondents Arecent complaints about bad English look pretty ridiculous in the light of history. Shakespeare couldn't spell his own name, and Shaw did without apostrophes altogether. It doesn't matter how you write, but what you write. Most items in most newspapers break the rules of correct English. More important is that most of them say nothing worth saying. Jean Raison.

London N19.

COSMETIC WANT HAND LIFT DO TWO FINGERS.

An old hand at keeping young

MCosmetic surgery leads | February 9)? How does she February 9)? How does she me to believe that one of the few areas of the human body that cannot be improved upon \$1,000,000 and a wig might have helped. Get yourself a pair of gloves, Joannie! is the hand. What cruel cad could have superimposed the hand of a 62 year old upon the 40 ish face and body of the lovely Joan Collins in your Angela Lucas. 119 Hornsey Lane, photograph (Pouting and pas- | London N6

he'd bought it at a super-market car park just before the collision), was not insured

It would seem that the law

We argued that a great deal

values life less than property.

Cam-Allt, Strathcarron, Ross-Shire IV54 8YX.

Sarah Doyle.

Streets apart | Licence to kill

AGGIE O'KANE'S mov-ing article about child prostitutes was marred by her obvious incomprehension of the mahlematican of ut A WOMAN is sent to prison for not paying her TV licence (The poor laws, Febru-ary 8). My daughter Kate was knocked down on a pedestrian crossing in Bristol. She died of the problems those of us living in areas of high prostitution endure and the con-flicts that arise almost daily five days later. The driver was sentenced to six months imbetween residents and work-ing women (Death of innoprisonment — for motoring of-fences. Kate's death was never cence, February 12). If she would like a clearer mentioned in court. Two months before he killed Kate, the driver bad been banned

send me her address and I will direct all the prostitutes in Kings Cross to work in her sion. The car was found at a street instead of in mine. It scrapyard the following mornwould be interesting to see how long their presence (and that of the kerb-crawlers, pimps and drug-dealers they attract, as well as used con-doms and dirty needles) and had no MOT. would be welcomed. TKLight. Whidborne Street,

London WC1H

THE fact that these child-ren are being cautioned and convicted while adults SEVERAL years ago, in its Submission, to the Home get off scott-free cannot make sense. The fact that this abuse Office Scrutiny on Magis-trates' Courts, the Hounslow of children has been happen-Magistrates' Courts argued for

ing under the gaze of official indifference is unforgivable. transferring non-payment of television and vehicle excise The Children's Society has licences to the civil courts. recently launched a public of time was spent in our encampaign on this very issue. The Association of Chief forcement courts dealing with these matters and this time Police Officers has indicated that it wishes to make an urcould more profitably be used gent response. We hope that those in social service will to deal with more serious matnow be equally motivated to

ters. Unfortunately the Home Office report failed to address this issue at all. A J M Baldwin. Ian Sparks. Chief Executive, Hounslow Justices' Chief Executive. The Children's Society. Hanworth Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 5AG. Margery Street, London WC1X GJL.

Isobel Brown. alisation of the small loyalist parties and Sinn Fein would destroy any chance of there being a "peace process" - another pyrrhic victory for the main unionist parties. John Hume's proposal for immediate referencia North

and South, on the two questions of rejecting violent methods and the need for allparty talks, should be ex-tended to Britain. For too long the main unionist par-ties have been the "tail wag-Richmond,

ging the dog". James Anderson. Senior Lecturer. Social Sciences, The Open University, Walton Hall Milton Keynes ME7 6AA.

AM surprised and disap-pointed that the Guardian's editorial (February 10) has joined the "whitewashers" of John Major and the Govern-ment in the latest IRA bomb ing outrage. The IRA and very likely Sinn Fein are responsible for this act, but as to the question whose fault it has been, you could at least reserve your judgment. I think also that you are mistaken as to the effect of this bombing. It is not an-

other "blitz" and John Major is not another Churchill. The IRA is obviously trying to avoid human casualties, go-ing for destruction of real es-tate, and money seems to be

ing, having been destroyed. It was not registered (he said **A Country Diary**

THE WREKIN: It's been a | thickens into a cold creamy while since I managed to snatch enough time to get to the top of the Wrekin. On a cold, windy morning I walked up the path from the Burnet Cottage which winde Burnt Cottage which winds through an avenue of 200-year-old beech trees. These trees are now falling apart. Nothing lasts forever and, de-spite a reluctance to let go of cherished and familiar landscapes, I am curious to know | into a grove of Scots pines, what will happen here when the great beeches clash. Judg-ing by the creaking of branches in the wind over-crystals, wing-like, sparkhead, change may come sooner than I thought. Up on the open white ridge, the wind carries a light dusting gible affinity — perhaps a of fresh snow. The track leads up into the mist. There are two gateways through the earthworks of the Bronze Age fort - Hell's Gate and Heaven's Gate. Legend has it that he who passes through Hell's Gate in the mist will the wind. never return. As the mist

Liverpool Road, London NI. WOULD Gerry Adams please explain to us what

is the point of entering into negotiations with Sinn Fein. IRA when it resorts to violence as soon as it does not get its way, even before negotiations have begun. Malcolm Laurence. Queens Crescent, Surrey TW10.

AN IRA bomb goes off at 7.01pm in London. Just under 12 hours later, after the bomb has disrupted your production, I have a Guardian In my hand with seven articles. plus photos, in the main sec-tion and a leader and two more articles in the Outlook section. That standard of reporting, writing and pro-duction is why I continue to read the Guardian (even

though it has faults - some big ones - in other respects). Congratulations. JAP Dutton. 39 Victoria Road.

Ellesmere Port, South Wirral L65 8BU.

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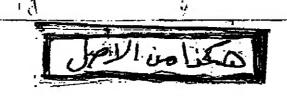
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kin's cap. There is no visible landscape, no sky, no centre from which to take bearings from any familiar world. The ground is frozen and crystals have formed on heather and dry grass stems. I am drawn small, twisted and enchantcrystals, wing-like, sparkling. As the freezing fog gible affinity - perhaps a way of knowing this hill that may have been shared by the ancient peoples that lived here. They too have vanished in the mist. Beneath this frozen grove at the top of the world, the earth revolves in





take action.

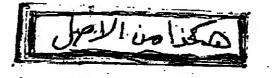
SO just who is being the villain's onstrations, have a lax recruitment polfriend? Police estimates suggest up to icy. His references were not taken up 2.600 crimes a year are being committed by employees of private security firms. The industry operates a system of selfregulation but a large number of the small cowboy operations have refused to join the two trade organisations which run the inspections. The Association of Chief Police Officers has produced nine case studies of the abuse that can occur: ranging from the employment of a murderer who had escaped from prison to theft by a private security guard in a judges' chamber. The police have shown the high level of people with criminal backgrounds employed by some companies: one with 26 employees involved 11 with previous convictions totalling 74 offences. Even some respectable companies, as our environment editor John Vidal demonstrated when he joined the security firm policing the Newbury bypass dem-

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before he started work. The police and major private security firms have called for statutory regulation of the industry. So has the Conservative-controlled select committee on home affairs. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats have endorsed the idea. The main people resisting now are ministers — particularly Mr Michael Heseltine. the man who accused Labour of

being "on the side of the villain". What's going on? Dogma. Ministers have become so obsessed by deregulation that even law 'n' order issues have to bow to the anti red-tape doctrine. It was heard at its worst by Francis Maud, a Heseltine junior, who denied the need for a licensing system and poured scorn on the police for wanting one yesterday. Private security firms now employ more people than the police. It is time they were made accountable. 702 Holloway Road,

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Matthew Norman

YSTERY surrounds the presence at the Finance Bill Standing Committee of my old friend David Hunt. Former cabinet ministers - let alone those who resigned office to make money - do not allow themselves to be drafted on to such soporific committees, to spend long hours examining the minu-test details of the Budget. And yet there sits Mr Hunt, unpaid and silently attentive, while he could be at his law firm. What an altruistic fellow be is. Or is he? Could this be John Major's insurance policy against William Walde-grave resigning as Chief Secretary over the Scott report? It would be spiendidly convenient to replace him with someone who had attended the committee since it first sat in January, someone up to speed on the fine detail and thus able to open the Bill for the Government in the Commons. The trustworthy but somewhat unelectrifying David Hunt would be perfect in a crisis. So is that why he sits so quietly? No, it cannot be. For the Prime

Minister has promised to stand by Mr Waldegrave, and his vote of confidence (no more than that of Aston Villa FC's chairman, Mr Doug Ellis) is not to be treated lightly.

WW Writes from Wands-worth. London, to criticise me for being too gentle to my old friend Lord Wyatt of Weeford — a failing, if failing it be. for which I will never apologise. In referring to Woody's House of Lords oration about Sky Sport, I did not "express the full awfulness of the speech, the toadying references to Rupert Murdoch or the way he steadily lost the sympathy of the house". A glance at the interventions in Hansard, and on our own Arena page, does suggest that noble Lords were losing patience with the old boy, while his own remarks about Mr Murdoch ("He is envied because he is successful." etc), who pays him over £200,000 per annum for columns, are flattering. However — and it's a big however — I will countenance no suggestion that Lord Wyatt's thinking was influenced by this relationship. Shame on you, William Wallace, for speaking so of the Diary's friend.

HE Contraceptive Education Service launches an intitiative on sexual health care

Democrats shout out the R-words

Commentary Hutton

******************* T HAS become part of today's political vocabu-lary that the right has all the ideas, and the left is on the near permanent defensive - guardian of the outmoded concepts of social inclusion. equality and fairness. Nowhere is this more true than the United States — and, whether it is the rise of the religious right or the advo-cates of flat-rate taxes, this seems to be where the centre of political energy lice of political energy lies. Yet the worm is turning.

What is remarkable about the what is remarkable about the current US political scane is not the ascendancy of the Republicans, but their diffi-culty in identifying a unifying candidate who might dislodge such an evidently flawed pres-ident. Pat Buchanan, arch-conservative may here arms conservative, may have come close second to Bob Dole in the lowa presidential nomina-tion caucus on Monday, but it was the liberal moderate La-mar Alexander who came third. Fiery anti-state rhetoric is beginning to sound

wearying. The Democrats have begun

to sense the change in mood, | erous welfare system was not, and even, after the recent vic- | in the current climate, a polititory in Oregon for the Senate. cal option. a renaissance in their political In any case, defending even

fortunes. Stung by Newt Ging-rich's landslide in the Congressional elections is months ago, there has been an urgent reappraisal of policy options — and growing confidence that the intellectual tide is minging their way swinging their way. At the end of this month, a

new big policy idea is to be launched, and already Demolaunched, and already Demo-crats ranging from the liberal wing, like Ted Kennedy, to centrists, like David Bonior, are making speeches to soften up opinion. And what is the big idea? Nothing more or less than the stakeholder economy: the solution to low wages and contribution to low wages and growing insecurity alike. The Democrats plan to sell it hard. This is the elixir, a growing number feel, that could win them the 1996 elections.

The idea had its roots in the 1994 Congressional election defeat. The Senate minority leader, Tom Daschle, established a "high-wage task force" to examine how the Democrats could plausibly offer a response to growing social marginalisation, the fall in real wages for more than half the workforce, and the hollowing out of US industry. Keynesian demand management that might boost the demand for labour and raise wages was largely ruled out, given the hysteria about the

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watered-down tax-and-spend polices along with social-secu-rity entitlements put the Dem-ocrats on the political defensive. Somehow they needed to reclaim the political agenda with a positive vision — but one which did not rely on the federal government acting the

self to change the results of the operation of American capitalism. The Task Force hit upon a disarmingly simple alternative: the institutions of American capitalism must themselves be reformed. Early drafts of the 80-page

document are circulating in Washington, and one is in the possession of the Guardian. The core ideas are a "drastic" rewriting of the American tax code, an anti-speculation tax.

and a massive re-organisation of the regulatory regime to create "truly responsible cor-porate and financial-market behaviour". This will be enacted in a Responsible Business Charter Act to allow for the creation of new socially responsible firms (R-Corps) and socially responsible investment funds (R-Funds). Here are the instruments to reinvigorate the US economy and reverse falling real wages, the Democrais believe, and at sociations

last offer hope for their natu-ral constituency - the blue-

Competitiveness Policy Coun-cil, established in 1988 to report to the President and Congress on how to improve American competitiveness, and whose members include leading industrialists, financiers and trade unionists, it asserts baldly that the US economy is suffering from corincreased. porations under acute pres-sure from their institutional The most eye-catching proposal is a 0.6 per cent transac-tions tax to be levied on every shareholders to achieve among the highest financial share purchase by every form returns in the world. The arrival of new technologies of investor, but reclaimable in tranches after the stock has been held for more than two and intense competition from and intense competition from Third World countries has rat-cheted up the pressure, but American companies have not responded by taking "the bigh road" of higher investment and real wages. Compelled to fend off takeover from preda-tors on Wall Street by mainyears. But there are measures to encourage "private invest-ment pools" — groups of in-vestors committed to individ. ual companies and who will stand by them. President Clinton is not sure how much of all this he

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taining a high share price and therefore high short-term profits, they have instead bid down real wages, exported jobs to low-cost countries and will incorporate in his cam-paign, and there are bound to be some compromises. Nonetheless, it neatly offers the theless, it heatly oners me Democrats a way of pursuing a number of objectives simul-taneously and uniting the party. Protectionists can use the legislation to insist that Radopted an ever more aggres-sive hire-and-fire policy towards their workers. The result has been the collapse of the American dream.

Corps keep jobs in the US; those concerned about health care that R-Corps insure their workforce properly. Above all, HE R-Corps would only qualify for privileged tax and regulatory status if they met a number of criteria. They it is seen as a way of reducing financial pressure and boost-ing investment. Within the ad-ministration, there are signs would have to invest and train more, offer stock ownership, health and pension plans to their workforces, recognise that the Labour Secretary, Robert Reich, is winning the argument; and some senior mions, offer 90 days' notice of redundancy, respect the envi-ronment, and be headquar-Democrats are worried that Bob Dole or Lamar Alexander may pick up the ideas before the Democrats have worked tered in countries which of-fered a minimum wage and banned child, military and them through. By comparison, New Labour's stakeholder ideas prison labour for commerical purposes. There would even be incentives to become mem-

are modest — and in their in-fancy. But a lead from across the Atlantic may persuade even the most timorous that bers of self-policing industry New Labour can follow where the Democrats tread. R-Corps and R-Funds, however Concerned that the churn ing of company securities and growth of takeovers is disgiven the hysteria about the collar workforce. budget deficit. But raising fed eral taxes to fund a more gan-foot about. Drawing on the ing investment, the Task apparently strange, may yet figure in British political debate.

> even likely once Britain pulls out of Hong Kong next year and Portugal quits Macao in 1999. The PLA is now gearing up for its biggest military ma-noeuvre yet off the coast of Fujian, with up to 300.000 troops likely to take part. debate and deliberate consid-eration to take place ..." If senior Tories, confirmed

> When Jiang Zemin, China's in that view by their own experience, halk at the Scott President, met his military recently he changed out of his western suit and into a Maoprescription, what about Labour? Here is a party unrestyle tunic. A few days later, he switched back again. Such sartorial flipflops have been a servedly pledged to open gov-ernment. Tony Blair's constitutional lecture last week feature of Jiang's leadership since the day be arrived from reaffirmed the party's commit-ment to a Freedom of Informa-Shanghai in 1989 at the height tion Act. That, civil servants of the Tiananmen protest movement he drove into Beijwill reasonably tell you, reflects inexperience. Few of the likely Blair cabinet have ing disguised as an ambulance served at any level in govern-ment. To them, as to Scott, it worker. The danger is not that Jiang wants to revive Maoism; it is that he has no idea what is terra incognita. When they get into power and experience its difficulties, their faith in he wants as China awaits the death of Deng Xiaoping. Amid such uncertainty, the only such uncertainty, the only open procedures will falter. patch of solid ground left in They'll begin to see that open

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 Blair's honest Force document also proposes a raft of tax and regulatory measures to stablise company ownership patterns. Company ambition is managements need better monitoring by their share-holders, dividend pay-outs and share buy-backs need to be reduced, and investment in open to doubt R&D and plant and machinery



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the Scott inquiry will confi-

dently expect is a declaration of faith in the virtues of open

government; not just as a

moral principle or adjunct of true democracy, but as posi-

tively therapeutic for our sys-tem of government. Some-times, Sir Richard's wrath with that cast of mind which

believes in being economical with the truth, or asserts that

half the picture can sometimes be true, seemed all but uncontainable.

To some civil servants, this

basis of subtle negotiation with key players, from which the wider world was excluded. The decision to ditch Clause 4 was taken in a close elite cir-cle, with even the deputy leader let into the secret late in the day: and made public in such a way that much of Blair's party-conference audi-ence didn't realise for a while HERE are millions of

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quite what he was up to. Little scope is permitted to dissidents (see the curbing of Clare Short for reasserting a long-established personal report, few of them known to me. But one ingredi-ent which those who attended view on cannabis, or the fear of public debate on monarchy versus republic.) The Harman affair was only the latest of a series of incidents revealing a high-spin-doctor culture at work. A slump in the polls would be likely to follow, it was whispered But this would not be the fault of Harriet Harman: the blame would be-long to those who'd disloyally shared their misgivings with the hungry media. Meanwhile, reporters ringing local party chairmen to get reac-tions found they'd been warned not to talk.

addiction to open dealing is a fatal delusion which will menace efficient government. All that is understandable. Scott and his accomplice, Bax-It's true that punters don't like endale, simply don't under-stand. With not the slightest the sight of party divisions. Since divisions are inevitable, they need to be hidden. But already in this reaction you see how hard it will be to experience of working in government, they presume to lec-ture the professionals on how they should go to work. "Gov-ernments," wrote the former minister Tristan Garel-Jones maintain the commitment to openness once Labour is in government. Even open oppoin last week's Sunday Tele-graph, "need a carefully defined area of confidentiality sition is tough; open govern-ment, as poll ratings slump and the Tory press turns on in order to function properly. Confidentiality, secrecy, is not you with a venom which even Major and Clarke have been a device to cover up improprispared, will be incomparably ety but a framework which enables frank advice, full tougher.

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fundamentalism. Total consultation on everything produces total inertia. There are delicate initiatives in government which open ness, honesty even, would wreck (the early stages, for instance, of the Irish peace process). Even journalists know this — as is evident from the secrecy with which newspapers handle their own affairs. There has to be a balance. But in Britain, the bal-ance is tilted too far in the other direction, towards

secrecy and defensiveness. A small, fenced-off clique. even powered by All Sonis intelligences, is no guarantee of effective government: that was what gave us the poll tax.



and contraception in Soho today - and spearheading the launch is . . . Dr Hilary Jones. Make it up, could you? Indeed, you most certainly could not.

Y PRIEND Ann Wid-decombe unleashes again the exquisite sense of self-parody which has made her so wellloved. At the prison service's annual convention in Brighton, Miss Widdecombe explained why the Government was no closer to choosing Derek Lewis's successor, and invited questions from the floor. There were none. "It's all right," said Miss Widdecombe, attempting a win-ning smile. "I'm not really Doris Karloff."

IM McGilvray, the ref who sent off Partick Thistle's Steve Pittman three times, even though the defender wasn't playing, is to become a worldwide star. Radio journalist Danny Renton has made a World Service feature about that fabled match, although it concerns a different incident. On leaving the pitch at half time. Mr Pittman's teammate. Rod McDonald, an observant Catholic, crossed himself as usual as he stantly booked him for crowd incitement. As for the dog mentioned yesterday - the one that was thrown by a Rangers fan at a Celtic supporter singing on a bus - his name is Dougal, and he's a Jack Russell terrier. We cannot be too zealous in our search for all the facts.



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Claws are out

With nationalism matching economic growth among the Asian tigers, Andrew Higgins warns that war may become a reality

NDER an elevated motorway in cen-tral Taipei. a vicious war rages It is a titanic con-lt is a titanic con-outcome of which NDLK an enswatch motorway in cen-tral Taipei. a vicious war rages between Taiwan and China. It is a titanic conflict, the outcome of which

If leaders in Taipei and Washington are to be believed. will determine not only the future shape of Asia but the balance of world power for the such ghoulish, vicarious pleasures remain undiminished by any risk of China's long-dormant civil war exploding into real conflict. "Don't worry," declares Lee Teng-hui, President of Taiwan, the object of blood-undime Chin next century. Casualties are high as Taiwan's high-tech military resists the sledgehammer blows of a three-million-strong People's Liberation Army object of blood-curdling Chi-nese rhetoric and front-run-(PLA). Computer screens flash

data of catastrophic destruction --- planes shot down, war-ships sunk, cities annihilated. And so, day after day in the

two-storey premises of the Guanghwa Computer Market, unfolds a virtual war that, though few in Taiwan like to think about it much, suddenly shows distressing signs of one day becoming reality.

When programmers first devised Battle In The Taiwan Strait, a computer game simulating a Chinese seaborne in-vasion, an attack by the PLA growth and opportunity. I just The attraction of the game -

commerce and harmony — the mantra of a phoney Confu-cianism currently in vogue — Asia's extraordinary eco-nomic growth has at best masked, not purged, old terri-torial and ethnic conflicts. And, in the case of China, the

growing prosperity provides ner for a presidential election next month. The poll, sched-uled for March 23, is not only the means to procure and pro-ject military power in a way not seen since its humiliation Taiwan's first chance to elect by British gunships a century and a half ago. its president but the first time that any portion of the Chinese-speaking world has Confucius across the region.

done so. President Clinton sends the same soothing message. Main-land military action, he says, is extremely unlikely: "We have so much good going on

seemed as detached from real-don't believe the leaders will ity as Dungeons And Dragons. Let that turn around."

affairs." region's historical and almost certainly future colossus,

nationalism has become a substitute for ideology. It has irre-Clausewitz is outflanking

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Consensus, hailed as the linchpin of Asian values and security, is giving way to confrontation as the confidence created by economic achievement fuels a newly assertive sense of national pride. The passions that swept

on't believe the leaders will across Asia after the second the mood has hardened so that turn around." world war and forced Britain much that military action is inadvertently. Clinton has and France to shut down their now not only possible but

Taiwan Strait, but no one, particularly in Washington, knows how America would respond to a real war, as opposed to a virtual one. Arms dealers are having a Sold dea China in huring a field day. China is buying SU-27s from Russia. Taiwan, which is about to take take delivery of 210 American F-16s and French-made Mirage 2000s, now wants Washington to sell it Patriot air-defence league and not properly recog-nised as major players. Ecomissiles and other weapons systems. South-east Asia, nomic prosperity facilitates greater confidence, and this leads to more and more asserflush with cash but also uncertain about its own future, has tiveness in international

embarked on a smaller but still robust build-up. Derek da Cunha, a senior fellow at Sin-gapore's Institute of South-O COUNTRY in east Asian Studies, predicts the number of submarines in the region will increase in the region has more scores to settle than China, number from two to around 20 where belligerent over the next decade, while the combined fighter force will grow to 1,200.

dentist claims — albeit mostly Asked about Beijing's ambidormant or formally renounced — against 10 countries in the region, rangtions last year, Foreign Minis-ter Qian Qichen tried to reas-sure China's neighbours with ing from the Spratlys islands a quote from one of Mao in the South China Sea to chunks of the Russian Far Zedong's poems: "So many deeds cry out to be done, and always urgently; the world rolls on, time presses. Ten Rast. Its most volatile claim is Taiwan. An attack may not be imminent, but, says a military thousand years are too long; expert just back from Belling. seize the day, seize the hour." The growing fear now, though, is that next to be seized might be land.

politics is patriotism.

over a cluster of barren rocks in the Sea of Japan. To fortify

its right to the disputed Tokdo

this century, Seoul says it is sending destroyers, anti-sub-

marine reconnaissance planes and jet fighters to shoot at

to send the USS Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft car-rier, on a cruise through the

N SOME ways, China and much of the rest of Asia faces a problem that helped ravage the former Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union: disputes frozen for decades by the cold-war risk flaring anew now that the superpower battle for hegemony is over. A clear sign of just how raw old quarrels remain, despite being smothered by cold-war geopolitics, is a tense stand-off this week between South Korea and Japan - Washing-ton's best friends in Asia -

government and efficient gov-And the kind of shame ernment are frequently incompatible. But, by then, it will be too lats ... for the publication of Scott -Unlike devolution or reform so hauntingly reminiscent of of the Lords, the promise of open government is one which people assume Tony Blair could deliver without too much trouble. But could he? Blair's own career hardly demonstrates a belief that cru-cial decisions are best made openly, on the basis of consul-tation and unfettered debate.

cheating exemplified in the Government's arrangements for the publication of Scott productive. But such things are deep in the culture which Blair will inherit. Will be have the commitment and courage — sustained even in extremis, and despite the tation and unfettered debate. wheedlings of spin doctors - As employment spokesman, to break with them?



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Martin Balsam



Martin Balsam, scene-stealer as a crazed army officer in Catch-22

Waterfront (1954).

Regular guy on screen

who has died aged 76 while holidaying in Rome, had the kind of commonplace looks one would not give a second plance to in the street or on the subway, but which held one absorbed on screen. Though he almost never got top billing, he offered sterling support to many stars, often stealing scenes from them. Thick-set, round-faced, with

a button nose, and balding, he was the kind of actor born to play projetarians, though his soft voice, wry smile and in-telligent eyes gave him the air of someone who could do Balsam assured his place in much better for himself. Born in the Bronx, Balsam

had no trouble identifying with the ordinary working guy because of the jobs he took — mechanic, salesman, radio operator. waiter, and - while studying nights at the New School for the stifling jury room. Research in New York.

After serving in the army lishd him forever in the mind ing Actor in A Thousand s a combat engineer and in of audiences was as Milton Clowns in the part of the go-be airforce, he gained valu- Arbogast, the private detect getting brother of hack TV as a combat engineer and in the airforce, he gained valuable acting experience with tive who meets a chilling end various touring companies, and played a murderer in Macbeth, Micbael Redgrave's when sent to snoop around the Bates Motel in Psycho (1960)New York debut in 1948.

As he faces Norman Bate After roles in two Tennes (Anthony Perkins), he imsee Williams plays on Broad-way, The Rose Tattoo (1951) and Camino Real (1953), he plies that Norman had been used by the missing woman. "I'm not capable of being made a hardly noticeable entry into films as one of the fooled. Not even by a wom-an!" Bates insists. Balsam an!" longshoremen in On The smiles slyly and replies softly, Well, it's not a shur on your

It was, however, as the manhoo For this confrontation, Alfred Hitchcock encourage the two actors to find their own rhythms and overlag cinema history. His moment each other's dialogue. The first time they did it in one take, the crew applauded in the film comes when he chats quietly to Henry Fonda about the pleasure he gets from baseball, his face beamspontaneously. It was the kind of improvisatory chaling as much with pleasure as longe Balsam enjoyed, coming perspiration as they stand looking out of the window of as he did from the famous Actors Studio.

In 1965, Balsam won his The other role that estabas Best Support only Oscar

Adolf Galland

83, was the wartime

gag writer Jason Robards. The fact is, he could have won the award for any number of other parts. Two years later, he gained a Tony award for a triple role on Broadway in I Can't Hear You When The

Water's Running. Outside the run of ordinary people, he was splendid as the subway train hijacker with a cold in The Taking Of Pelham One Two Three (1974), was one of the crazed army officers in Catch-22 (1970), and made a meal of the part of the outrageously camp antique dealer in Lumet's The Anderson Tapes (1971) — stereotyped gay he may have been, but it was made amusing by

the fact that he was portrayed by the usually ultra-normal Releam who was married three times, his second wife being the actress Joyce Van ϔ

Hitler's fighter ace

DOLF Galland, who | June 1941. In November, when | Göring and Hitler led to two has died at the age of | Werner Mölders, the only air-blunders which Galland bit-

work, either on TV or film. In the 1980s, he played the Jew-ish business partner of the American Alf Garnett (Carroll O'Connor) in Archie Banker's Place, and was a Sicilian mafioso in La Plovra (The Octopus), one of the most popular Italian TV Series

appearances, he made a particularly strong impression in Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams (1973) as menopausal Joanne Woodward's sympa thetic oculist husband, le ing a boring existence. In the movie's most touching scene, Baisam returns to Europe where 28 year earlier, during the second world war, he ex-perienced the only real ex-citement his life was to know.

Ronald Bergan Martin Baisam, actor, born No vember 4, 1919; died February

Among his 50 or so screen

was classical Omond in its reliability, his meticulous checking and re-checking ensuring its full value as a dependable source, while the book he co-authored on economic sanctions was the best of its kind.

Yet much of his writing, except on subjects he cared passionately about, was rather inhibited, much like his public manner — the quiet voice, the long silences, and sometimes the apparent The Guardian Wednesday February 14 1996

Roger Omond

Quiet crusader's chronicle of courage

OGER OMOND, who has died aged 51, achieved success as a journalist on two conand in two different types of journalism.

Born in East London, South Africa, he joined the Daily Dispatch there after graduat-ing from Rhodes University, in Grahamstown. He made an early impact as political correspondent at 23 and night editor at 25, then as leader writer until his appointme as assistant editor and his arture from South Africa in 1978 for political reasons In London be joined the Guardian, and until the onset of lung cancer was chief subeditor in the foreign

department. In South Africa he impressed with the maturity of his judgment at a young age and for his skill in writing editorials against the apartheid system without contra-vening the 22 statutes limitheid developed a following among black readers, and consider-able hostility from white able hostility from white ones. There were threats against him and his wife Mary, also active in antiapartheid politics, from offi-

cers of the Security Police. During this time he wrote also for the New States the Observer, and the Gemini News Service - articles which enraged the authorities even more than his writ-ings within South Africa, because they projected the apartheid evils internation-ally and were therefore

leemed virtually treasonable. In Britain his journalism became more sophisticated as the requirements of a quality paper demanded more focus than broadsides against apartheid in South Africa in that cruder battleground of charge and counter-charge. This was reflected in the discipline he brought to books he wrote about apartheid.

The Apartheid Handbook

bing stint. But typically his style tended in five main to stay inhibited — until he found he had jung cancer requiring radical surgery. He



PHOTO KAREN FLICHS Roger Omond ... ditched his inhibitions could only have benefited from his ability and his deep background of knowledge of 'the Eastern Cape, home region of the Mandelas, So-bukgras and Bikce

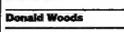
because it meant he vetted all copy through to the final edi-tion at a time when we were heing subjected to countless threats of prosecution under the publication laws. The joke was that he was my editorial minder, and he was so good at it that although I was prosecuted 14 times during my 12 years of editorship I was never convicted. Roger had

working to ensure that he stayed in London where he could receive the best medical sussed the system. Those were indeed Alice in treatment in the ordeal ahead of him. The extraordinary Wonderland years, ' and battle to save his life and to throughout that time when my family and I were the ease his passage out of it as painlessly as possible was for targets of threats and repri-sals because of our friendship us who witnessed it a sublime example of the much-mawith Steve Biko, Roger and ligned National Health Ser-Mary Omond were our conrice at its magnificent best. When my wife and I went to see Roger in the intensive care unit at Brompton Hospi-tal last week he scemed stant allies and friends, eventually carrying a vital mes-sage more than 150 miles at

deeply unconscious, yet when we talked to him and asked if he knew we were there he Although I was opened his eyes and nodded prosecuted 14 times slightly, and though we were elated at the brief communiduring my editorship. cation we knew it was our last with him. was never

It is hard to say goodbye to such an old friend knowing it convicted. Roger had is for the last time and it seemed a strange thought, hard to get used to, after more sussed the system

than 30 years of partying and risk of police roadblocks to campaigning and, for me. a journalistic alliance of a lifehelp set up our escape from South Africa. time. But what we'll remem-ber most of all is Roger's They followed soon after and we had a reunion in Loncourage, not only in the camdon, as planned, where we paign against apartheid but toasted our entry into exile. in chronicling his own last Roger now began to pro-duce not only articles but books, often after a full sublook at life.



Roger Omond, journalist, born iber. 2, 1944; died February 12, 1996

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Adolf Galland . . . scored 103 'kills'



Love lines

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Q. HOW DO I write a love A. The first thing to acquire would be a rhyming dictionary . . . Then you will need an anthology of love poems You don't want to palm off lines like "Come live with me and be my love" or "Go, lovely rose" as if they were your own, in case your loved one was an English major ... As you sit to write. try to be sincere and particular but not overly so. Love is a synthesising emotion, an emotional union with the chemical madness that compels species to propagate, so don't feel obliged to particu-

clude her middle name if it's a long one. On the other hand, don't make the poem so general she thinks this could be a Code. generic poem you use on everybody ... You need only her, remember, Go easy on the irony and classical allu-sions, in the high-17th-century manner, those poets

were funtioning in a culture more print literate than ours. Our brains are becoming more and more like computers, and you don't press two keys at once. Actually, you do, but don't try it in a love

poem. Before you plunge into that rhyming dictionary, in fact, you might consider whether your love object will be turned off by a poem and find the image of you hunkered at your work-table with a box of dusty-rose stationery ridicu-lous. Maybe a brief fax would do, if she's a career woman. Or a bulletin on the Internet, if she's a subscriber. John Updike gives his instant guide to writing a love poem in "My Love is Like Uhh", in

the US edition of Esquire,

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larise every birthmark on **Office code** your beloved's backside or in-

MEMO: To all employees. FROM: Human Resources. **RE: Revised Corporate Dress** In view of the enthusiastic response to our "Casual" Friday policy, we are instituting four new wardrobe categories, one for each day of the week, effective immediately. They are: 1. "Downtown" Monday Funky club attire, Italian designer labels. Bring your "shades". (These should be removed for meetings with clients.) Be there at the weekly planning meeting or be square. 2. "Formal" Tuesdays

tatingly applied in the Blitz-

you know how to be a "team player". Fridays will remain (Creative Black Tie). The standard tuxedo or its equivalent. An exercise in "Casual" elegance and sobriety. Here's our chance to bring that special "touch of class" to clothes and accessories will be available through the credit everything we do, be it union. organising a presentation for the shareholders' meeting or cooperation. Holly Brubach takes a theme to collective photocopies. 3. "Drag" Wednesdays. Recent

an extreme in "The Changing workplace" from the New York Times magazine studies show that drag in the workplace promotes trust and

man before Galland to win the Knight's Cross with Oak-leaves, Swords and Diamonds. Luftwaffe's most senior fighter pilot; a veteran was killed in an air crash, Galland succeeded him as In-spector of Fighters. While commanding fighter of the Battle of Britain who secame one of the select band of German war heroes ad-mired by their British enemy. operations in France in 1941, it was Galland who authorised help for the legless Douglas Bader by sending a telegram Germany was denied an air force until Hitler tore up the Treaty of Versailles so Galland and his ilk took up glid-ing and flew for Lufthansa (which secretly developed milin German to London request-ing a replacement steel leg for the captured RAF man. De-spite Fighter Command's will-ingness to allow one to be itary planes and pilots) until the Luftwaffe sprang out fully armed with 1,886 planes in parachuted in, Downing Street was adamant that the He then transferred to the drop could only be part of a routine bombing raid. A sortie Richthofen Fighter Group named after Germany's leading ace of the first world war — and volunteered to fight for Franco in Spain. In the course of 300 missions he developed went out and was reluctantly "buzzed" by the Germans be-fore the RAF made the drop and returned home. This gesthe advanced ground-support tactics which would be devasture earned Galland the respect of his enemy.

N 1942 he became the youngest German general at the age of 30 and returned to the west to krieg years of 1939-41. Galland flew ground-attack missions in the invasion of Poland which started the mastermind cover for the "Channel Dash" — three Nazi warships humiliated the Royal Navy and RAF by sailing up the Channel from Brest in daylight. As the Allied bomber on-

Poland which started the second world war and then joined the staff. In April 1940 he was promoted colonel in command of Fighter Group 26 and led his pilots to victory over the French and Belgian air forces, scoring his first three "kills" of a total of 108. After the Battle of Britain Cellend ment east for the invaslaught mounted from 1942, Galland's fighters were in-Galland went east for the invacreasingly overstretched. sion of the Soviet Union in Strategic incomprehension by

swap clothes. "An

understanding, as men and women share lipsticks and

introduction to Makeup and

Its Application", a one-time only seminar, will be held at sem this Wednesday in the 18th-floor conference room.

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Vogue subscription to a

sport - sports being, of

course, a metaphor for the competitive marketplace in

which we operate. Even if

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the opportunity to prove that

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yours is a solo activity,

4. "Active" Thursdays. Game

time! Jogging suits, ski togs, football gear. Come dressed in the uniform of your favourite

department.

Fighter strength was whit-tled away more and more in minor operations at the front

terly but vainly opposed.

when the Luftwaffe's strength should have been built up at home against the Allied bombers as they at last began to lame the German war effort. And when Germany gained a world lead with the first Messerschmitt 252 operational jets, Hitler insisted they serve as bombers, causing a delay in production which meant that they too were dissipated when finally deployed as fighters, too few and too late, in 1945. Lieutenant-General Galland was dismissed for insubordi-nation in January 1945 and became the world's most senior combat pilot as com-mander of Fighter Group 44, flying the Me 262. He was shot down by an American in the

last fortnight of the war but was not seriously injured. Post-war he went to Argentina as an adviser to Peron's air force before returning to West Germany as an aviation consultant. He published his memoirs, The First And The Last, in German and English, in the fifties.

Little brother

LIKE A thousand insect-eyes

glimmering in shadow, they

are watching you. Not Big Brother, quite. Rather, hordes of little brothers gath-

ering scraps of data — each of these, in itself, harmless and dull. Note the bar-code on our front cover, which, combined

with a credit-card at the

newsagent's desk, could reveal when, where and by

whom this newspaper was bought. Need a list of single male camping enthusiasts who live in high-income

areas and read poetry? It can

be had for the asking ... Is

there a method of regulation that would allow the eco-

nomic benefits of copious in-

use. This idea informs a

recent European Union di-

rective on data protection. Under the directive, which

governments must act upon

by 1998, consumers have to be notified in advance of how a

formation to be enjoyed while

Birthdays

Dan van der Vat Adolt Galland, fighter pilot, born March 19, 1912; died February 9, 1996

I remember my first meet-

seemed to me some of the ing with him when he was only 19, one of several young strongest stuff I'd ever read by someone in terminal illness. leaders of the National Union of South African Students What made his burden

threatened by the Vorster government for organising harder to bear until he came to terms with it was the cruel timing of the first prognosis. He had been appointed editor-designate of the Dispatch, news which delighted all of us campus demonstrations against the apartheid laws. At that time Roger was shy and slight, not the big man he was to become, and soon after graduating from Rhodes he who knew him, and was excitedly planning the move to South Africa when the first joined its and was immedistely brilliant in subbing, writing, page layout — in fact anything thrown at him. A cancer was diagnosed. When the Dispatch directors cancelled the appointment after few years later he was doing the mandatory stretch on the second cancer was discov-ered his bitter disappoint-Fleet Street, subbing on the Times, when I phoned to offer ment was exceeded only by that of the young journalists there who were looking forhim the post of night editor. This meant that in his mid-twenties he had leapfrogged more than 40 more senior members of staff, becoming South Africa's highest-paid editorial executive of his age. He was good value for it, This meant that in his mid-twenties he had leapfrogged

Prof Evelyn Ebsworth, vice-chancellor, Durham Universi-ty, 63; Prince Hans Adam II, rular of Liechtenstein, 51; Kevin Keegan, football man-ager, 45; Anita Klein, painter and printmaker, 36; Chris

company would like to use their names and of the infor-mation that is attached to them. They can say no to such as a cost to be taken into account, without blocking the flow of all such information. The Economist endorses one use; if they say yes, they have the right to know where their data has gone . . . Admittedly, proposed solution to the threat to privacy posed by the "digital revolution".

Put it out!

DEAR MARVIN, I am a 24-year-old gay man who lives in New York City. I began smoking cigars when a professor of mine at New York University handed them out to celebrate the birth of his baby boy. I was 19 at the time Sadly, I have come across many people who make sweeping judg-ments about me both because I am gay and because I smoke cigars. It is ironic, Marvin, how similar these judgments are! In fact, many of your heterosexual readers have a very good idea how it feels to be gay in America because of the fact that they smoke cigars and receive the same type of persecution ... I still remem-ber the day when a very large woman lectured me about

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Death Notices

ALLSOP. Margaret Ruth Broadbest, died on February Sth, wito of the Late Georgo Allsop and mother of Stephen and Sarah. Much loved by Lamity and Insends. Funeral as SL Paul's Church. Competail. Cheshire Friday 16th February 1.30pm. Sharpise Funeral Directors, 152 Stochoort Road Marple. Cheshire. Tol Dist 427 (2019

Marpia, Cheshira, Tei Otel 427 2079 BIRD. Laonard Arthur, tot Scarborough) on the 8th Fabruary 1895 in hospital tolow-ing a road accident aged 85 Husband of the lote Evennor, father of Marwell and Antiz. A meeting to give thanks for his lite will be held on Saburday 17th February at 230pm in the friends meeting house (Ousla-ers) 4 Percy Street, Hull. No Rovera please. donallons if desired to Cancer Research.

Research KAY, Alfred Wordey, on February 10th 1996 peacefully in hospital and of Eccles, Alfred aged 85 years The dearty loved insuband of Molty, much loved lather of Busan and Andrew, dear grandlather of Busan and Andrew, dear grandlather of Busan and Steven. He will be baddy milated. Family Rowers only please doma-bons in lieu to The Parkineon Disease Soci-aly. Service and Commissi at Agencol Cre-matorium, Salters on Thursday 15th February at 10 blam. Engueries to Co-funeral Barvice, Eccles Tel 01th 785 3083 CLS, Syleti Mary, on Wednesday 7th Febru-OLD, Sylall Mary, on Wednesday 7th Fabru-ary 1996 Dearly loved wite, mother, Irlend and reader.

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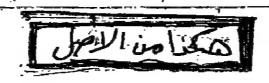
know about her, but I work out three times a week, swim three times a week, roller blade every day and eat a low fat diet. The hope for tolerance that

all cigar smokers have is very similar to the hope that my gay brothers and sisters have...We should all get together and tell the government to stay out of our smoking rooms and out of our bedrooms. It really is true that when we fight for the rights of one group, we are in turn fighting for the rights of all. Another extract from "Out of

the Humidor", the letters page of Cigar Aficionado, featuring a cigar-toting Linda Evan-gelista on the cover. This letter was written by Christopher Lamparello of New York. Thanks to Martin Colycr.

Jackdaw wants your jeweis. E-mail jackdawwguardian-.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR JER.

Secret zone: the Economist I continued to smoke. I don't Dan Glaister



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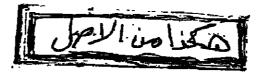
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Oil company sets record for tall storeys

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Assistant 'helped launder Nadir cash'

Jury told of theft to pay debts

YCOON Asil Nadir

vate debts, and used his per-sonal assistant, Elizabeth For-syth, to launder the money, an Old Balley court was told yesterday. She handled the money knowing or believing it to be stolen, according to the Crown.

It was the first full criminal trial resulting from the col-lapse of Polly Peck in 1990 with debts now estimated at more than £2 billion. Mr Nadir left Britain in 1993 and

is in Cyprus. "By 1989 it was still poss-ible for him [Mr Nadir] to sign company cheques with-out limit of value on his own," said David Calvertown," said David Calvert-Smith, prosecuting. Only the law or his own conscience stood in his way. The law did not permit a

company's money to be used for purposes such as paying Mr Nadir's debts, said the Crown, and "his conscience failed to prevent him ... from committing ... theft". Mrs Forsyth "knew or be

chairman of Polly Peck, "a substantial company". He had needed a large sum of money to pay private debts and he stole the money from Polly Peck, using Mrs Forsyth to laurder the funds to launder the funds. She had met Mr Nadir, he said, when working for Citi-bank's Mayfair branch,

lieved that the money was stolen" when she handled it, where she dealt with wealthy clients. Two years later, she left the bank to join Mr Nadir as his personal financial offisaid Mr Calvert-Smith He was opening the Crown case against Mrs Forsyth on two charges of handling stolen property. The 59-year-old forone and assistant. Mrs Forsyth, who was paid

mer banker and company chairman, who lives in Great £45,000 a year, "was never an employee of Polly Peck Inter-national", said Mr Calvert-Dunmow, Essex, has pleaded Smith. To begin with, she was a personal employee of Mr Nadir and then became chairnot guilty. On the first count, she de nies that, between October 16 and 20, 1989, she undertook or man of South Audley Management (SAM), a company set up to manage private Nadir family interests. In what the Crown described as an "enassisted in handling a £307,000 credit, by or for the tirely legitimate" restructur-ing of the private interests, with "good and legitimate tax reasons" in mind, a company, South Audley Settlement, was

> companies. One of these companies, Baggrave Farms — which was not part of Polly Peck — was the destination of the allegedly stolen £38,050 men-tioned in count two, said Mr

ern courtroom, designed for complex fraud trials and housed in an Old Bailey satelup in relation to the purchase of Polly Peck shares.

lits building. Mr Calvert-Smith said that, in 1989, Mr Nadir had been

Handlesfinanzbank Geneva, knowing or believing it to be stolen. On the second count she denies that, between October 16 and October 20, 1989, she undertook or assisted in handling £88,050 cash, by or for the benefit of another, knowing or believing it to be set up to hold various private Mrs Forsyth was repre-sented by Geoffrey Robertson QC, and sat with her solicitor

Peter Krivinskas. Mr Justice Tucker presided in the mod-Calvert-Smith The money mentioned in count one, he said, was used to pay stockbroking debts run

The case continues today.



Notebook

Spanish custom at work in City

an Aussie fund, it is at the same time helping turn First Spanish into one. Manoeu-vres such as this again raise questions about the quality of City advice and regulation

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Edited by Alex Brummer

HE shortness of the Lity's collective memory is quite remarkable at times. Take the reorganisa-tion going on at the First Spanish Investment Trust, which is being converted into, of all things, a vehicle investing in small Australian holding companies.

Rather than reflecting a de-sire to switch from Iberian to Australian investment -- the name is changing to the Australian Opportunities Investment Trust — the reorganisa-tion, the second in just under three years, is a reflection of

the board's concern at how the trust has shrunk. Yet this shrinkage itself is mainly down to the way the directors have run the fund in the pest. In 1993, concerned at the befly discount to net asset value that had emerged, they came up with complex proposals to replace four-fifths of the share capital with convertible loan stock. Investors were allowed to sell their convertible stock which the trust was_allowed to repurchase. needless to say, at a discount. The fund, launched in July 1987 — shortly before stock markets in Madrid and Lon-don crashed — had not per-formed that well and investors rushed to cash in their holdings. This has left the trust, which had essets worth \$35 million at its launch, with net assets of around £8

million. So what is behind this second reorganisation? It seems the driving force is Duncan Saville who, with

Changing down DZARD Reuter yester-day heralded a signifi-cant turning-point in post-war German industrial history by severing his links with Daimler-Benz after more than 30 years. His resignation

from the supervisory board, just nine months after step ping down as Daimler's chief executive, is not just an acknowledgment that his per-sonal strategy of the rashly acquisitive dash to turn Ger many's largest industrial con poration into an "integrate technology conglomerate" brought it, almost inexorably

to its record £2.65 billion losses last year.

It also demonstrates the even in Germany the "fo-cussed" company is beginning to take the upper hand. ning to take the upper hand. Reuter's successor, Jürgen Schrempp, has already torn up large quantities of his mentor's legacy by disman-tling AEG and pulling out of Fokker which together ac-counted for more than balf of last year's losses (£1.7 billion). Schrempp is taking back Daimler to its automotive roots He is seeking to shed roots. He is seeking to shed the loss-making Dornier, maker of the 328 turbo-prop regional aircraft, and to merge jet-engine maker MTU with Rolls-Royce/BMW's joint venture. But he still has much to do to make Daimle fit for the list century: devise a clear model strategy for Mercedes, implement a forther alimming cure for labour costs and help persuade part-ners like British Aerospace and Aerospatiale to build a pan-European aircraft industry.

Rebel pressure leaves Famell deal in doubt

Fabrick Denovan **City Editor**

LANS by Farnell Bisc-tronics to buy US-based

Yorkshire egm. A well-placed Farnell LANS by Farnell Blac-tronics to buy US-based that "things will be tight", Premier industrial Cor-but refused to be quoted pub-"At this point,

essary 75 per cant aharehold ars' majority at tomorrow's referred to by analysts and Yorkshire egm. the press as being some of the key people responsible for the outstanding success since becoming a pl

also mention that we have the nearly 30 support of many former and serving employees, managers and executives who are not in only offered to sell the trust a portfolio of Australian a position to express publicly shares, but has also suggested their opinions or cast their that his own investment comvote for fear that the details of

stole £393,050 from his Polly Peck trading

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ing. The dissident shareholders are likely to be joined by Norwich Union and Prodential which are widely expected to pledge their combined 9.5 per cent holding against the deal, It emerged yesterday. Neither would comment on their vot-

ing intentions. The opposition votes will be added to the 7.5 per cant hold-ing voted publicly by Legal & General and Standard Life. thin whether Farnell's chief day, Mr Hall said: "We the ex-

poration in a £1.85 billion agreed deal were last night hanging in the balance as one Rric Hall, who was ousted from his job as a Farnell di-rector four years ago, yesterof the company's former diday joined together with rectors drummed up investor other former executives to opposition in advance of call on City institutions to optomorrow's key shareholders pose the deal. His initiative is being sup those voting are monitored by extraordinary general mostcompany executives.

The acquisition of Farnell by the Premier Industrial ported by the UK Sharehold ers Association, which yesterday said that it was calling on Farnell's private sharehold Corporation, announced late last month, is aimed at creat-ing the world's third largest ars to oppose the deal. "As shareholders we feel that this is a bridge to far", electronic component distributor, But dissident sharehold-

said a spokesman for the UKSA, pointing out that sev-eral other similar Angloers are concerned about the impact of the deal on sarnings There are also worries American mergers have

failed over the past few years. | about the ability of the management to run the enlarged business. Critics say that the In a statement circulated to tain whether Farnell's chief day, Mr Hall said: "We the ex-executive, Howard Poulson, managers and executives of unable to operate the com-will be able to muster the nec-Farnell Electronics are obvi-pany on a global scale.

Going up . . . Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad, right, oversees topping-out of oil company Petronas's 88-storsy Petronas Towers, Kuala Lumpur, set to become the ment manage allest building in the world when completed at the end of this year PHOTOGRAPH DAVID LOH

Railtrack seeks £1.5bn credit line before sale

Keith Harper Transport Editor

AILTRACK, which runs Britain's rail and track signalling, has applied to its 12 banks for a credit facility to raise 21.5 billion before its expected several European and Asian banks. Railtrack has plans to sell-off in May. The loan will reassure inspend £1 billion a year for the next 10 years on infrastruc-

vestors that it has sufficient working capital to meet its obligations without relying ture and station improvements City analysts suggested last night that the move was deon government support. The money is needed to pay for signed to improve the attrac-tiveness of Railtrack to poten-Railtrack's extensive pro-gramme of network mainte-

tial investors. Among its new ance and improvement. Railfrack said yesterday projects are the renovation of the West Coast main line and that the state of its balance the Heathrow Express from the airport to Paddington sheet was for the Government to determine. The terms of station. the loan will be announced with the prospectus for Rail-The Freight Transport As-

track's sale. It will be released a few

Such a move would cost less than £200 million a year and would have the effect of retation on May 21. BZW has been charged with arranging Railtrack's new credit facility and 11 other banks have been invited to ducing the cost of freight oper ations by up to two thirds and thereby stimulate rail traffic. join, including Midland, Royal Bank of Scotland and

weeks before the planned flo- | run freight trains on its lines

David Mathew, chairman of the FTA freight council, said: "Free track access would not only result in substantial price reductions, but would signal the Government's con-fidence in the new, unproven market structure that privatisation has created.'

· Labour yesterday de manded that rall privatisa-tion be suspended after it emerged that a leaked Depart ment of Transport memo had questioned the sale of British Rail's Eastleigh maintenance depot, near Southampton. It was bought by a management buy-out team for £7 million Unilever wins

sociation yesterday called for the Government to pay for charges made by Railtrack to ers' money. £17m tax case

cent of the shares, is the biggest share-holder. Mr Saville has not

T MIGHT have been thought that Lord Hollick has enough on his plate with the proposed 23 billion merger with Lord Stevens only just off the presses. But pany becomes the new investnot a bit of it. Now the once The trust's existing portfocamera-shy Labour peer is demonstrating his Murdochlio of Spanish shares will be sold, coincidentally, at one of like ambitions by challenging those rare moments when both Spanish equities and the Pearson, Rank and Disney in peseta are going through the roof. In fact, much is made of the lucrative theme park business. The proposed £225 million joint investment the prospects for the Spanish market in the most recent report to investors. Share-holders wisely deciding that with Warner Bros — in the beart of Britain's green belt — looks a sensible enough enough is enough are again being given the chance to deal which will restore Brit ain's edge in film production

cash in their shares, which — surprise, surprise — the trust Contilities. This comes at a time when Hollywood clearly sees Brithas agreed to buy back at a ain as a promising offshore

Investors who want to stay centre should ask whether the same For Lord Hollick there is the additional attraction of directors who performed so badly should be allowed anusing the spare production capacity for sourcing mate-rial for his TV outlets. He is other bite at the cherry. They might also ponder the con-duct of SBC Warburg, which even considering a homeis backing the deal, but which is also advising Pacific Assets grown soap from the Hollick stable. All this looks very ex-citing and Lord Hollick has Trust in its takeover bid for the NM Smaller Australian enough cash to finance the deal. However, investors still Companies Trust. For, while Warburg is helping Pacific Assets convert NM Smaller trying to assess the United Newspaper link might start to Australian away from being fear some indigestion.

News in brief

claims. He said Unilever was

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my last year saw total loans rise by 12 per cent.

Apple for teachers

Apple Computer and Cam-bridge-based Acorn Computer yesterday announced a 25 mil-Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch group, yesterday won an Ap-peal Court judgment that will save it £17 million in tax even lion joint venture in the Brit-ish educational market, though its claims were lodged too late. Master of the Rolls Sir Thomas Bingham said the which has traditionally used Acom computers but is in-Inland Revenue abused its power in abandoning an creasingly buying IBM-com-patible PCs using Microsoft understanding with the com-Windows. pany over the timing of

Singapore bars BICC

"an honest and compliant tax-Singapore barred BICC and four other foreign companies from new government con-tracts for five years after they were named in a corruptio industrial gas maker, warned case, a government official said. BICC Supertension Cable, Pirelli, Siemens and two Japanese companies were named in court documents in the prosecution last November of Choy Hon Tim, former deputy chief executive of the Public Utilities Board, who dustrial gases market to was convicted of accepting bribes from a consultant to the companies.

Allied Irish Banks pushed its Car group skids

profits up 9 per cent to MORE than 19 million was Eir372.6 (£390.6 million) in wiped off the value of Euro-1995 after increasing its loan pean Motor Holdings after the book and reducing bad debts. car dealership group issued a Expansion of the Irish econo- profits warning

Governor signals Cost-cutting **BP** pledges inflation danger dividends bonanza

6.25 per cent.

Sarah Ryle

HE Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, last night admitted that he and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, had lashed over last month's cut in interest rates.

Speaking on the eve of the Bank of England's quarterly inflation report, due to be published today, Mr George took the rare step of voicing publicly his continuing dispute with the Chancellor over monetary

policy. Breaking his usual silence over the substance of his monthly talks with Mr Clarke, the Governor made plain bis concern about inflationary prospects. He warned that although short-term inflationary pressures were "entirely benign", in the long term, strengthening consumer activity and a livelier market for British exports could threaten price stability. "There's also some evi-

dence to suggest that figures showing the British there's a modest pick-up in construction industry pay settlements. If that gained fewer orders last were to feed through to a year than in 1994.

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more rapid increase in Patrick Donovan earnings that too could be come a factor," he said. He told BBC Radio Five Live's City Editor BRITISH Petroleum chair-Financial World Tonight programme that the differ-ences were technical rather man, Sir David Simon, yesterday pledged to continue growth in dividends as he anthan about the agreed objective of price stability. "To the extent that we took nounced a 45 per cent in-crease in the shareholders' different views, it would have been about a narrow, a very narrow point."

payout for 1995. The oil company's cost-cut-ting bltz is set to add another a very narrow point." Government figures pub-lished yesterday showed that the volume and value of new housing orders plunged last year, suggest-ing that Mr Clarke was the volume and value of new housing orders ing that Mr Clarke was the volume and value of new housing orders ing that Mr Clarke was the volume and value of new housing orders the volume and value the volume and

plunged last year, suggest-ing that Mr Clarke was industry, generating a 31 per cent return for shareholders compared to an FT industrial index average of 20 per cent. right to insist on January's cut in the cost of lending to

According to the latest With the fourth quarter data from the Department of the Environment, the dividend increased by 6 per cent to 4.25p, the year's total volume of new orders for homes in 1995 fell by about dividend comes out at 15.25p. 17 per cent on the previous year. The value of new But after exceptional charges relating to refinery closures sionally estimated at-£5,649 million, against £6,833 million in 1994. but replacement cost profits are down from £1.515 billion to £1.20 billion over the full-year period. The profits were housing orders was provithe replacement cost profits year period. The profits were at the bottom of City expecta-tions and shares fell 8p to The housing industry

reacted gloomily to this evi-dence contained in official BP expects to replace its oil production with new supplies for at least the next 10 years. A global "repositioning" of its oil exploration portfolio looks

set to exploit new fields in Co-lombia, Norway and Venezuela. It is also well advanced in a huge Azerbaijan oil pro-gramme and is hoping to ex-plore for gas in Algeria. Oil the \$16 to \$18 range.

to protect people who blow the whistle on malpractice at work, and which could prevent future BCCI-style col-lapses or Maxwell scandals. The private members bill, which has all-party support, would provide legal defences against dismissal for those who disclose, in the public interest, any crime, fraud or serious malpractice.

Richard Thomas

A TUC spokesman said: We are fully behind this bill. Too often people are afraid to go public for fear of losing their jobs."

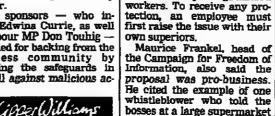
The TUC has written to all MPs urging them to attend the debate on the bill, scheduled for March 1, in an attempt to drum up the support prices look likely to remain in | of at least 100 MPs - the minimum that is required if



Union leaders try to rescue whistleblowers' bill



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BOC deflated whistleblower who told the BOC Group, Britain's largest bosses at a large supermarket chain that her manager was faking sell-by dates on foods. "This sort of behaviour is incredibly market sensitive if it gets out," he said. This bill protects the informant, but at the same time gives firms the opportunity to put things

The Institute of Directors said it was "broadly support-ive" of the bill, while the Confederation of British Industry said it was interested in protecting whistleblowers, but declined to comment on the specific measures.

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the Campaign for Freedom of Information, also said the proposal was pro-business. He cited the example of one

of an unexpected slowdown in demand in December. Despite news that the group had in-creased its profits by 13 per cent in the first quarter of the

year. BOC's shares dipped 2 per cent to 923p on news it expected demand in the US inright - which has to be in their interests." slacken. AIB profits up

12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

The cost of covering against disaster is set to soar |

Insurance threat to nuclear firms

Simon Beavis and Chris Barrie

HE privatised nuclear ower industry may face a soaring insurance bill to protect it-self against the risk of a major disaster if the recom-mendations of a key report by MPs is accepted by the

Government. In a second blow to the industry's hopes, nuclear reac-tors may also lose their priorstatus in the electricity trading system because the MPs fear they will otherwise have an unfair advantage.

The recommendations are included in a confidential druft report by the Trade and Industry Select Committee the contents of which were first revelaed by the Guard-ian last Saturday. MPs are due to meet today to try to agree the final wording of the

Reactors on

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writes Simon Beavis.

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long and risky

THE problem of paying the huge costs of dis-mantling retired nuclear

power stations and finding

a safe place to store waste has beset most of the

world's nuclear powers,

The long-term environ-

mental legacy of nuclear

power has been a subject for political debate around

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left out of this summer's sell-off for fear the sale will raise themselves for much higher less than it costs to build the

ca 9 hillion reactor. It also argues that Government money for a special ring-fenced fund to pay for cleaning-up reactors is inadequate and the cost of meeting uncovered charges for decom-missioning and waste dismount insured posal could render the indus

try uneconomic. But the recommendations clear on nuclear accident insurance and on operating in the electricity pool will be critically important for the privatised firms' revenues.

Unusually, the British nu-clear industry operates under a generous insurance regime. The industry has a limited liability for a single incident capped at £140 million. The Government picks up the next £140 million and then must provide further funds if

terms of lower emissions.

It was the bill - now esti-mated at £25 billion - for

decommissioning Britain's nuclear power stations that forced the Government to

It recognises that Britain

has a tested way of burying

low-level waste at Drigg.

Cumbria. But it expresse

alarm that a proposed deep

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cern about waste.

countries, like Germany dium waste in Sellafield,

and Italy, to rein in or Cumbria, is subject to an abandon this form of power inquiry which it may not

MPs on the committee are Parliament agrees

blocks.

But in a further sting, they want the nuclear company being lined up for privatisa tion, British Energy, to pay an extra premium to the Government for any state guaran-tees beyond the higher

The draft also recommendation that rules under which nureactors have a special "must run" status in the electricity market because of their supposed inflexibility, should be scrapped. The committee believes the

reactors should be forced to pit themselves against other types of generation without which rules the ordering of power stations on to the

to meet today to try to agree the report on this summer's planned sale which is thought agree the final wording of the Farliament agrees. report. The draft report recom-mends that the industry's the industry brought in line newest station, Sizewell B, be with other industrial compa-Example the industry brought in line response of the industry brought in line

generation despite the | survive. It says there is no shorter-term benefits strategy for disposing of atomic energy offers in high-level waste after it has been stored in liquid and then turned into glass

The need to deal with dangerous radioactive ma-Getting wired . . . Reuters chief executive Peter Job announcing increased profits yesterday terial means that decom-

missioning and waste dis-posal plane stretch into the future. The shortest time for completing the job of dismantling stations is seen scrap its first attempt to sell off the industry in 1989. The City refused to take on the risks. The select committee report suggests that the uncertainties remain as about 70 years. But the industry wants to and voices even more con-

spread the programme over 135 years in a "safe-store" programme because this would allow work to be carried out without special protection — therefore cut-

ting costs. Decommissioning falls into three phases. First is the removal of fuel immediately after shutdown. Ten years later, buildings out-side the reactor shield

AGR - Advanced cas-cooled reactor would be disposed of. Finally, after up to 100 years later, the reactor beltnamaib ed hipow The industry's preferred route is to delay the second ind third stages for 30 to 35 ears to allow radioactivity to subside. But even alter-ing the timescale of work means the "back-end" costs are huge. Current estimates are

that it will cost £14.3 biltion in undiscounted costs to clean up the ageing Mag-AGR. boo

Outlook/ Shareholders should get their fair share, writes Roger Cowe

EUTERS is a most un-usual company — un-Internet. "I would like the latusual company - un-usual in its caution, de-spite the fact that it has consistently delivered substantial growth in profits since it was floated off by its newspaper owners in 1984. That pattern continued in 1995, with earnings per share growing by almost a fifth and profits of £599 million, it announced yesterday.

The nature of Reuters' busi-ness is also unusual. Its former newspaper ownership reflects its origins and its classification as a media com-pany. But in its early days in the middle of the last century, Paul Julius Reuter made money by providing financial information in the stock markets. That has long been the main engine of growth, espe-cially since Reuters moved

itude to change my mind", he said, reflecting the fact that the Internet's technology is way ahead of any consensus on who will use it, how it will be used and how anybody will make money out of it. Reuters is providing news to 30 web sites, where it has registered 10 million "hits" a month, a pretty high level of interest. The company has also taken a 2.5 per cent stake in Yahoo, one of the Internet service providers whose products help users find their way through the worldwide maze. Reuters also hopes to benefit from the technology of one of its recent acquisitions, Tek-

nekron, whose expertise is in managing data flows. than a clear plan. Mr Job is used to thinking Mr Job is used to thinking give some of that back to long term, and has to do so in shareholders, subject to negothis area of his business more tiating the legal and tax maze than most. "It is a very long-term strategy. There is no huge profit in the short term," he said yesterday. In-deed, profit is one of the con-cepts least clearly understood in the ware of furry ideas suphere and in the US. 'We are investing just about as fast as we can", he said. "And we are prepared to make small buys - we have done 40 since 1984. But there will still be surplus cash." In that case there can be lit-

some mone holders. Ex portant that new media should be profitable, not just fashionable. I don't believe in doing it just to be there." And he is not doing that, although the level of profit is tiny.

Low profits is not the norm at Reuters, as the figure show. Growth in sales, accom panied by the kind of fierce cost control which has brought the journalists union to the brink of a strike has resulted in hefty profits The US business remains barely profitable, except for the Teknekron and Instinet acquisitions, but that is more than balanced by growth lsewhere.

The result has been hug cash flows, which Mr Job says he is unable to spend, de spite substantial capital investment and development spending. Last year Reuters spent £191 million on develop ment, up by a fifth on the pre vious year, and invested \$304 million, slightly down on

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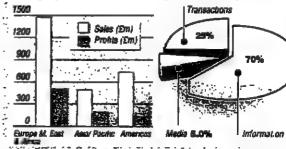
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vatisation stations - seven advanced gas cooled reactors and Sizewell B — could be £11.5 billion. The committee is concerned that not all these costs have been covered in the Government's plans to set up a fund to pay the bill. The report estimates some £1.4 billion may remain uncovered.

thing else. That is emphasised by its attitude to the internet, the worldwide communications network accessed from personal computers. "It is un-likely to be as much of a threat as an opportunity," commented chief executive Peter Job yesterday. Mr Job is characteristically cautious about the prospects in the maze of fuzzy ideas sur-for profits, and reluctant to rounding the Net, as Mr Job



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Bondholders of Barings likely to take legal action Terry May Terry May

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mer Barings Bank collapsed are expected to decide today Milne reports to sue former Barings directors to recover their money.

They may also take legal action against the firms who advised Barings when it is-sued the bonds. They are BZW Securities, Hoare Govett F THE Government's enthusiasm for deregulating the labour market bas yielded results for anyone, it ought to be under-25-year-Securities, and Cazenove.

Young people were the first to lose minimum wage protec-tion, the first to be denied Jonathan Stone, a lawye Jonathan Stone, a lawyer heading the Barings Perpet-ual Noteholders Action Group, is meeting today with individual bondholders who lost money when the mer-chant bank collapsed a year ago after trader Nick Leeson dole money and the first to be affected by weakening trade union organisation.

According to free-market economics and government policy prescriptions for the past 17 years, the pay-off should have been jobs by the bucketful. The relative posi-tion of 16 to 24-year-olds has, ran up losses of £860 million. If they pursue the case, the action group will sue some of the 21 former executives and directors of Barings for their roles in the collapse. The ex-ecutives were sacked last May, two months after Dutch however, worsened in the 1990s: the gap between youth unemployment and the over-all rate is greater than in the banking company ING took over the assets of Barings. mid-1980s, according to fig-ures culled from the Labour The executives are current-ly under investigation by the Force Survey by the TUC. And, unlike the 1980s

Securities and Futures Au-thority for their roles leading recovery, there has been no up to the collapse and face the loss of their licences to work narrowing of the gap between the two rates in the jobs pick-

n the investment industry. Because ING did not buy up of the past three years. The Labour Force Survey the Barings holding company, data show that while in 1992 it contended that it did not youth unemployment was 1.67 have to pay the bondholders and offered them only 5 per times the rate for all ages, three years later the under-25 rate of 15 per cent had reached ent of their investment. 1.79 times the national aver-age. The situation was even Leeson said in his current age. The situation was even er." that he was easily able to more acute for man in their ool Barings executives into early 30s, whose jobless rate hinking he was generating normous profits for them rose from 1.6 times the aver-age in 1984 to nearly twice the while he was actually losing average in 1995. undreds of millions of

What makes the figures even more surprising is that was much they have deteriorated at a and Spain.

declining birth rate me that between 1989 and 1995 the number of under-25s fell from 7.6 million to 6.4 million, while the proportion in full-time education increased from 20 per cent to 35 per cent.

At the same time, relative pay levels for young workers have fallen. Between 1984 and 1995, gross hourly earnings for young men dropped from 83 per cent to 74 per cent of the average and from 71 per cent to 66 per cent for young cent to 66 per cent for young women. The combination of a declining labour supply and falling cost should, according to ministers' market-moulded expectations, have led to a tramatic improvement in employment prospects. Not so. The problem has become particularly acute in the Con-servatives' southern English heartlands. In a youth unem-

ployment report published today, the TUC says that of FREE the 37 parliamentary constituencies with young jobless-ness rates of more than double the 1990 level, 34 are in Peek Rase Calls SBp per stin (42.5p+VAT) the South-east. These include en Pent Calls Zup per min (17p+VAT) mid-Sussex, with a 154 per Peak times 8 00-19 00 Mon to Fri Mandatoxy itemised billings charged at £1.77 Inc VAT per month Lone rental (debited monthly in advance) and aintime charges will be debited to your nomicated constrictinger or Deta card Cale charged in units of 30 seconds after the linst minute cent increase, and Tunbridge Wells, 167 per cent.

A key reason for the combi-nation of falling relative earnings and increasing relative youth unemployment is the gap between the new jobs coming on stream -- mostly part-time and temporary and the full-time, permane work most young people want. The best gloss Eric Forth, the employment minister, could put on the situation when he gave a "good news" jobs briefing this week was Offer subject to stains and a standard airlown contract for each phone with Collphones Danci Ltd. 185 Lower Rochmond Road, Rochmond-Hom-Huaney, TW9 JLM Full writem details and lawes and consideres of livis offer are available on request. 40 Copyright – Registred Ro 2995;122

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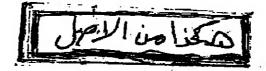
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Racing

Nahthen Lad on time and weight

Chris Hawkins

HIS afternoon's rearranged Ascot meet-ing (it was abandoned a week ago) repre-sents an ideal stepping stone for Cheltenham and many of

always one of the most com-petitive races there and we have a mini-version of it when 10 of the season's best the most com-process. staying novices clash in today's Reynoldstown Chase. Mr Mulligan is one of the market leaders for the Sun Al-liance and his trainer, Noel

Chance, has plenty of confi-dence that this big, sparely made chesnut will run well today despite having to give weight all mond weight all round.

Jumping is the key to suc-cess at Ascot, where the fences, particularly the three on the run downhill on the far

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Mulligan should be able to t give 31b to Major Summit. St Mellion Fairway, a dual winner at Lingfield, also gets 31b. He is hard to assess, but David Nicholson has some

very good young chasers and rates him highly. The one Chance fears most, The one Chance fears most, today's runners have the Fes-tival as their principal objective. The Sun Alliance Chase is always one of the most com-petilive races there and we have a miniversion of it

process. At the weights, Nahthen Lad (3.35) might be the one to be on today. Opposition to Sound Man, favourite to be the two mile champion, in the Comet Chase is not strong and the Irish challenger has scared off all but four opponents. Sound Man (3.05) beat Storm Alert by five lengths at Sandown last time and may have more to fear from Coul-

have more to fear from Coul-ton if this enigmatic chaser

Although Buckhouse Boy (2.30) is 91b wrong at the weights in the Shenley Enter-prises Hurdle it would be no great surprise to see him win. This rapidly improving six-year-old made light of 11st 101b when beating 25 rivals in a Warwick handicap last time and in thing an biology stated a Warwick handicap last time and is taking on higher rated but largely disappointing per-formers this afternoon. Landed Gentry (1.00) is taken to win the Kilfane Handicap Hurdle for the second season running de-spite being 31b higher in the ratings. He bolted in last year. Walter Swinburn is slowly on the mend according to Royal Hong Kong Jockey

Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club Director Philip John-ston, but still remains in a serious condition. Doctors have received consent from the jockey's father Wally to operate on the 34-year-old to make sure his broken bones are in the correct position so

ton if this enigmatic chaser side, are trappy. In his two runs over fences this season, Mr Mulligan has hardly put a foot wrong. He was impressive at Weth-erby last month in trouncing six previous winners. The form has worked out well and a line through the runner-up, Call ft A Day, suggests Mr



terday's Say It With Roses Stakes top the rise at Lingfield's allundstormers . . . the field for w

SPORTS NEWS 13

Keeping punters in the know...

ROM March 31 it will be mandatory for trainers to report anything which might have had an adverse effect on a horse during a race, writes Chris Howkins.

Any subsequent improve-ment in performance should, therefore, come as less of a surprise and the betting public, upset about non-triers, can feel less aggrieved. The scheme was introduced

in October 1994 on a volun-tary basis and last season 344 reports were submitted to the disciplinary committee by stewards secretaries giving reasons why horses had failed to run to form, but of these only 86 were given by trainers.

"A robust attitude to non-triers is essential to restore the confidence of the racing public," said Anthony Mild-may-White, chairman of the disciplinary committee disciplinary committee. Whether the system works

depends very much on the willingness of trainers to cooperate, as pointed out by Peter Cundell, chairman of the National Trainers'

Federation. "This is an imposition and we have been handed a fait-accompli. It could be an administrative nightmare," said Cundell.

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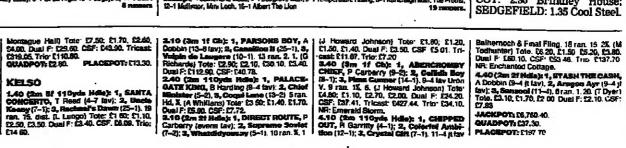
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The Guardian Wednesday February 14 1996



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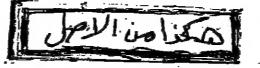
higher than fourth, saw his time survive 10 challenges before Skaardal was 12th out of the hut. "With the No. 1 start po-sition I thought I had no chance because of the con-ditions." said Jaerbyn. "I thought the course would get faster and I'm really surprised." Another Norweglan, Kje-til-Andre Aaamodt. was third in 1.22.11. The reign-ing World Cup super-giant champion Peter Runggal-dier of Italy and the World Cup downhill winner Luc Alphand of France were among those to disappoint. The defending champion Austria's Stefan Eber-harter also finished well down the field, two seconds off the pace. He has sufoff the pace. He has suf-fered five major injuries since winning the title in 1991.

Jones fined £2,000 | Laws ready to go after Bonetti fracas

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ing the film SYBASE OPEN (San Jose): Hest roundr	(Morpsch). 3,000mm M Stellon (Ton-	ice Hockey	Masters and the last 34	
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Darts

John Duncan considers the difference between sport and pastime in the light ... of the Sports Council ruling that has put the jockeys of the oche off their aim

Darts swept from the board

Charles State Transford Street Street

physical effort involved," said Olly Croft of the Britages. Camping and caravanning was as well, until it was decided last year that it is not. Darts inish Darts Organisation. "But snooker makes darts look like the 100 metres. sists it is but has been told it is not. Bull, say the jock-eys of the oche, who are now sharpening their ar-rows in a battle to prove that it is. They spend 90 per cent of their time sitting down and sipping water, but they are recognised." The BDO calculates that, apart from the activity of At the centre of it all is

the Sports Council, whose job it is to decide what exactly constitutes a sport and what is merely a pas-time. Darts, it says, comes into the latter category. It would all be a purely

academic row if there were not millions of pounds involved. Recognition as a sport by the Sports Council entities a governing body to apply for Lottery funding and, even more important, carries VAT exemptions. "We got a letter from them saying that they

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apart from the activity of throwing, a player walks a quarter of a mile every game to and from the oche. The money is not bad for a pastime either — the world champion gets 236,000 from a prize fund of £200,000. Martin Adams, the world No. 1, echoes that view. "A darts match can take up to darts match can take up to three hours and that is haven't thrown for a few days, then I find it tough to do it. You really feel it in

Normally there is no specified physical training

CTOPUSH is one. wouldn't recognise us be required, though Adams the decision. "They wrote So is bicycle polo. cause there is insufficient has occasionally struggled to us and said that they Yoga has been for physical effort involved," to get ready for tourna-don't simply decide what is to get ready for tourna-ments. "I dislocated my don't simply decide what is don't simply decide what is and isn't a sport but 'iden-tify sports and governing bodies with which they want to be associated'. They're really saying that they don't want to be associated with fat blokes with fags in their mouth. but that is such an outdated image of the sport." shoulder playing rounder 18 months ago and I had to really work hard to get back from that." So why is darts not a sport, when there is no such problem with octo-push — in which four people swim underwater

image of the sport." with scoops and try to push a giant biscuit into a goal? "We have a complicated Players, are forbidden from smoking or drinking at tournaments and most at tournaments and most are in bed before 11pm the night before, says the BDO. Adams, a smoker with a fuller figure — "it's a beer belly, that's why I wear a baggy shirt" — says that size should not be impor-tant. "Bill Werbenink was fat but he is regarded as a sportsman by the Sports Council," said Adams, "so why shouldn't 1? It's insult-ing." When octopush comes recognition procedure," said a Sports Council spokesman, "and under our criteria darts is a skilful recreation but not a sport." The anomalies are down to The anomalies are down to tradition, says the Sports Council. Angling, for exam-ple, has always been recog-nised and was on the offi-cial list it inherited in 1973. The status of several others is also under registry

is also under review. However the BDO claims snobbery is at the heart of probably right.



Defining moments

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"To be recognised by the Sports Council a sport must be sufficiently developed to justify the term 'national' and will be summer assessed on the physical skill and effort required to undertake it; accessibility; rules and organisation; strategy and tactics; essential purpose; physical challenge; risk; uniqueness; and other political, moral and ethical considerations. A minimum of 1,000 individuals regularly participating in an activity are normally required for it to be considered." Sports Council Policy Briefing Note, June 1994.

"Anything you can't do properly with a fag in your mouth" Guardian sports editor.

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Cricket

Smith given World Cup all-clear

Edward Harris in Ahmedabad

S England prepared for S England prepared for this morning's opening World Cup match against New Zealand, Robin Smith won his fraught fitness battle with a week-old groin muscle injury. He could be back in action by Sunday. The 32-year-old Hampshire batsman has now set his sights on playing in Eng-land's second Group B match against United Arab Emirates

against United Arab Emirates in Peshawar. The manager in reshawar. The manager Ray Illingworth confirmed: "The medical opinion is that Robin will be okay in four or five days, so we won't be sending for a replacement." Smith, who will continue to receive daily treatment, was pushed through a 30-minute session of sprinting and sharp turns as Illingworth, the physiotherapist Wayne Morton and team doctor Philip Bell looked on.

forward to getting 100 per cent fit and making myself available for selection." In contrast Morton and Bell

had remained optimistic about the player's chances. Smith added: "They felt they could get me fit and they put themselves on the line by saying so." Arguments over match

scorers rumbled on yesterday with the World Cup organising committee (Pilconi) refusing to pay travel and accom-modation expenses for England's Malcolm Ashton and Mike Walsh of Australia.

The Competing Teams Agreement, signed by each country, states Pilcom's com-mitment to provide local scorers but there was also an allowance for extra officials, provided Pilcom was notified by November 30.

The TCCB cricket secretary Tim Lamb said: "We wrote to Pilcom before November 30 last year stating that we would be bringing an addi-tional member of the manage-

Illingworth had doubted that Smith would recover quickly enough to play a full part in the tournament and feared he would have to send ment team who would also act as scorer. "It's frustrating but from our point of view Malcolm

home one of England's most won't be redundant. He will still score the games and so provide the team with all the experienced players. But Smith showed no ill effects after his rigorous workout yesterday and, delighted with statistics they need. "He will also be there to

the all-clear, said: "Playing in the World Cup means every-thing to me. Now I'm looking provide the local scorers with help if they need it and he is a useful member of the tour."

'Boxer' defends his Test corner

Paul Weaver finds Angus Fraser pining for an England place

T MAY have something to do with Angus Fraser's vast frame and clean, honest features but, even at the relatively young age of 30, he con-veys the impression of exhausted excellence, noble but knackered — a little like Boxer in Animal Farm.

There are also those who suspect that, given his work-load of recent years, he may now be slightly less equal there othere flip moders for formances in the recent Test Dominic has proved to be a series in South Africa and his world-class cricketer. He has risen to every challenge that exclusion from the England World Cup squad might suphe has been given and people port the notion. must accept that occasionally Given the limitations of he needs a rest. "He needs to be treated England's bowling in South Africa, this may prove to be a premature judgment. Most very carefully. He's always very keen but that is somejudges are of the opinion that thing you always have to Fraser is still among the four guard against in a very comnetitive cricketer or five leading bowlers in At this stage Fraser was Yesterday, at a Sports Writ-ers' Association lunch overquestioned about the recent altercation between Devon Malcolm and Illingworth but looking the Thames, Fraser ---perhaps a little self-conscious that he was occupying the - mindful of the restrictions imposed by the Test and County Cricket Board - it chair taken by Raymond IIlingworth a year ago, when the chairman of selectors was was not something he wished to discuss. Then, smiling, he so famously outspoken about his captain (and Fraser's said: "I don't want to make life hard for myself but I do friend) Mike Atherton feel there should be more said: "I certainly don't think freedom of speech. my England career is over. I had to overcome serious in-jury to get back in the side

got a chance of getting back." England's World Cup squad — and even their Test party in South Africa — came down against the quality specialist. Unfortunately one-day cricket has confused some people's idea of the difference between a genuine all-rounder and a one-day utility player, who is

one-day utility player, who is someone who might take two or three wickets, though rarely five, and occasionally score a quick 30, although hardly ever 50.

Fraser yesterday implored England's management to look after Dominic Cork, the outstanding talent in the side, during the three-week World Cup campaign. He said:

Wales to raise roof and £108m

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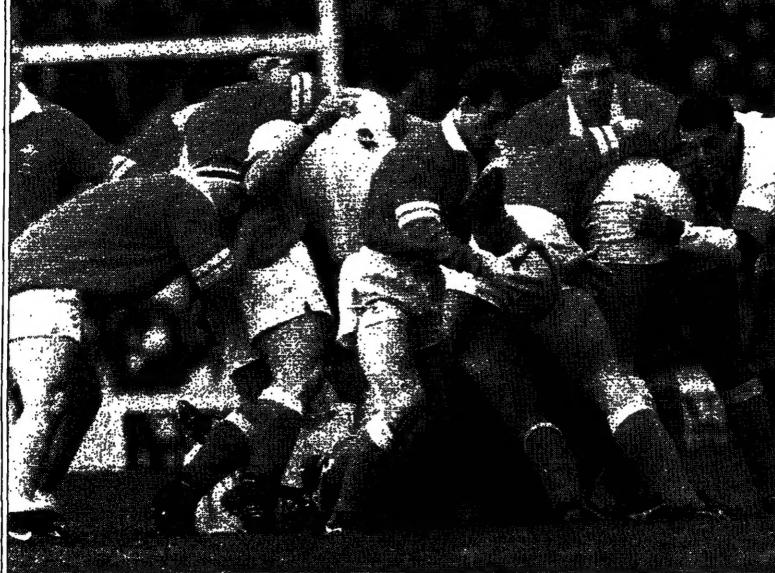
ALES, who have selected an un-changed team for the first time for three years for Saturday's Five Nations match against Scotland at Cardiff Arms Park, expect to put together a £108 million package within the next fortnight for the re-development

night for the re-development of the ground. Rebuilding work will start there next January provided the Millennium Commission produces the 248 million grant in aid applied for by the Welsh Rugby Union. Barclays Bank has underwritten a 260 million longetur loop to the million long-term loan to the WRU, which is likely to convince the commission that in-vesting in Welsh rugby is worthwhile. The commis-£50 million opera house for Cardiff has tilted the balance strongly in the WRU's favour. The provisional target for completion of the work on the Arms Park is May 1999, six months before the next World Cup final is due to be held there. It is intended to increase the capacity to 75.000 and to install a roll-back roof. While rebuilding is in progress the capacity will not be allowed to fall below 32,000. The WRU hopes to receive extra finance from European Aid, the Football Development Trust and the sale of de-bentures to individuals and companies. Saturday's game will mark the first stage of a four-year £400,000 sponsor-ship deal with Scottish Life worth £100.000 a match Admission prices will be kept low. Edward Jones, secretary of the WRU, said Saturday's crowd of 53,000 would yield gate revenue of about £1 million, A total of 11,000 standing supporters will pay £8 each, the lowest price of admission to a championship match in the British Isles "It's an important part of our policy to encourage school-children to come to games at children to come to games at the National Stadium," Jones explained. Seven members of the Wales team, including the captain Jonathan Humphreys, will be making their first Five Nations appear-ances at the Arms Park. Humphreys, the Cardiff hooker, will lead the side for the fifth time as Wales attempt to end a run of six championship defeats. The Wales coach Kevin Bowring said Neil Jenkins had been considered for the No. 10 shirt, which has gone to Arwel Thomas for his third successive international. Jenkins, who will be on the bench again, is "a top-quality performer who only played his first competitive game of the year last Saturday", he Tennis · Robert Jones has turned down the chance to join Harlequins because Swansea have offered him a benefit next season, the first of its kind in rugby union. "My heart decided it," said **David Irvine in Paris** the 30-year-old former Wales and Lions scrum-half. "There was no way Swansea could match the financial package Harlequins had put together for me and I would not have for me and I would not that even by her bizarre stan-would have affected their dards, she completely wrongwould have affected their chances of holding on to younger players." MALES: J Thomas (Lianelli): I Evens WALER: J Thomas (Landil): I Evens (Landil, L Davies (Neuth), I Davies (Landil, R Howiey (Bridgand); A Evens (Landil, W Proctor (Lianeli), A Thomas (Caldif), J Hamphreys (Cardif, capit, J Davies (Neuth), G Liewenys (Neuth, D Jones (Cardif) E Lewis (Cardif), G Jones (Cardif) E Lewis (Cardif), G Jones (Lianeli) N Taylor (Cardif), G Jones (Lianeli) N Taylor (Cardif), G Jones (Lianeli) N Taylor (Cardif), S (Williems (Neuth), Linguistic (Cardif) S (Williems (Neuth), Linguistic (Cardif) S (Williems (Neuth), Linguistic (Cardif), G Jonakins (Neuth), Linguistic (Cardif), G

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Think tank . . . Rob Howley keeps England on the back foot during his impressive debut at Twickenham 12 days ago

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Home boy Howley hits the heights

Frank Keating meets the Wales scrum-half who hopes to match his outstanding debut at Twickenham against the Scots on Saturday

T THE black-tied pass-) enough to know the differthe port banquet at the Park Lane Hilton, after Wales at Twick-latter — and next morning, enham had lost the match but won the plaudits, table No. 20 was shared, as is the custom, by the afternoon's four halfbacks and each side's pair of flankers.

Grayson and Dawson soberly discussed their mixed day; the handsome crags Dal-laglio and Lewis charmed each other in turn; Arwel just end, Howley's feet were back on the floor. "All the press and publicity was lovely for a couple of days. It was so rewarding and nice, for the family and for Bridgend and, glistened and listened; Rodber pulled with satisfac-tion at a large Cuban cigar; of course, for me too. But now that's all in the past and I'm and Rob Howley, although he was sitting throughout of course, looked to be walking, already refocusing and con-centrating on the Scotland match - if selected, that is." trance-like, on air. The 25-year-old scrum-half

Howley's Twickenham performance sorted out, at a strohad scored a try to cap a blinder in his first match for ke the rumours of the week before that the nouveau-riche Wales. Through the evening the world and his wife had Saracens of London were to been slapping his back and pumping his hand to tell him buy him (to form an alluring partnership with Michael

so. But even in his bashful-ness be did not need telling. Howley has been around long landed on the green grass of

home before the Welsh Rugby Union, Bridgend RFC and his bosses at Ogwr Borough Council, where he works in the recreation department, and the one after that, the public prints rapturously con-firmed the smash-hit. The long-time understudy had were announcing a hands off "package" worth £50,000 to keep the home boy at home for 18 months at least. moved overnight into the

He strayed once before, to No. 1 dressing-room. By midweek, back in Bridgbig-city Cardiff. "I was per-suaded over but it just didn't work out. It was a big club all right, probably the biggest there is. That might have been why it wasn't right for me. Not that I did justice to myself there but at the same time I learned a lot about myself. Mainly, perhaps, that you shouldn't stray too far from your roots till you're

really ready." He went back to Bridgend. Arriving at Cardiff. he had (to all intents) swapped clubs with Andy Moore - but then found himself second choice when Moore returned to the city. This month it was Moore whom he was to replace in the

Serious knee injuries punc-tuated his form and advance — he even tried a faith-healer in Kenfig Hill — but the engaging fellow had always been around the national

squads, from schools to Aeam levels. Before February's first cap he had played once at Twickenham, when he was on the losing side in the Universities Athietic Union final of 1991 when Cardiff beat Swansea,

where Howley was reading for his BSc in business management "But the atmosphere then even at 'old' Twickenham itself, could not compare with the overwhelming magnitude of last week. Just running out

into the din was the most inlescribable of 'highs' you can imagine. "Then feeling the three feathers at my breast as we sang the anthem made my spirit and whole being truly take off again. They say your first international goes so fast

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found not to be in breach of the WPBSA's disciplinary

Howley's romance is "Don't I know it," said] spoken liltingly soft but his is gend's £50,000 superstar. "Don't I know h," said Brid-

the square-shouldered muscu-lar scrum-half's game in which he shepherds his pack of eight with an in-your-face unafraid comph. His passing is fine and a powerful under the-radar dash keeps opposi and I am prepared to do what-ever it takes again to get back in the England side. tion loose-forwards warily tied in and on guard, as his Twickenham try illustrated ("I just saw a pile of red jer-seys, not one white one, so I simply ducked low and coomed in for it").

Howley had said before tak ing the field for his now cele-brated Saturday: "The famed England back row will be more worried about me than I am about them. They've never seen me play before. I know their game because I've seen them on telly." So it came to pass.

This time Scotland's back row will have pored in study over Howley on video, and then some. What are the devious Scots hatching for him this Saturday? One can tell him "good luck but beware" that you don't remember thing --- but I willed myself not to let the moments pass "The second time around is always much harder". "The second time around is always much harder".

"Most cricketers are intelligent blokes. They think about what they're saying. If they are out of order they get stamped upon, which is fair enough to a certain point, but

"T feel I bowled well in the last Test I played in and if I bowl well again at the start of we should be allowed to say more than we can do.' And then Boxer winked, the coming season I think I've | smiled and was gone.

Muralitharan chances his arm

THE Sri Lankan off-spin-ner Muttiah Muralith-aran, who was called for and 4.3 overs to spare. throwing on the tour of Australia, came through The match had been hurriedly arranged to demonyesterday's warm-up fixstrate that security measures are in place despite a further terrorist bomb incident on Monday.

Ana Punchihewa, president of the Sri Lankan board, said he was still hopeful West Indies would change their minds "and the door is still open to Australia". Both teams plan to

ture against a combined In-dia-Pakistan team in Colombo without objection. Muralitharan took the eleventh-hour opportunity to prove he is no "chucker" because, despite reports to the contrary, his action has yet to be cleared by the International Cricket Council. He took two for 46 from' cil. He took two for 46 from' forfeit group games sched-his eight overs but Sri Lan- uled for the island.

Sport in brief **Rocky bottom wrecks Capriati comeback** consistent with their status as | nament in the world, writes | for first place with two for-Snooker Richard Jago. The England No. 6 is selected to play in the professional sportsmen". Paul Hunter, the 17-year-old English junior champion, has been fined £2,500 plus £250 Athletics stretched too far for a return | myself and I can't play" was Qatar Open next week with her brief explanation until Sally Gunnell, John Regis, and strained a gluteal muscle the No.1 Matthew Syed and and tried to play on but it was too painful." costs - with £2,000 suspended Tony Jarrett and Steve Smith on her right side. the Commonwealth men's against future good behav-iour — by a WPBSA disciplin-JENNIFER CAPRIATI's comeback was put on hold A pain in the bum for Calead a strong British indoor doubles gold medallist priati became a pain in the team to take on France in Andrew Eden. Though she duly turned up ary committee, writes Cline Everton. Drink and lewd gesneck for the tournament orga-nisers, who had already been Glasgow on February 24, two last night. Nothing concern-ing her life has been straightat the Coubertin stadium and Cricket weeks before the European deprived of their champion attempted to warm up - by tures played their part in a indoor championships in Hampshire have signed a twoforward in recent years but, late-night incident at the Nor-breck Castle Hotel, Blackpool, Stockholm, writes Stephen Steffi Graf through injury. then the trainer had strapped year sponsorship deal with It is possible, said her father Stefano, that she will the affected area - she knew the brewers Greene King. Bierley. It will be Gunnell's almost at once that she was last summer. first international since the play again in Essen next week. But as Martin said: not fit enough to take on Chess Mike Russell, the world World Cup at Crystal Palace billiards No. 1, who was al-leged to have butted a diner at the President hotel in Bom-Sabine Appelmans. Britain's grandmasters scored a double triumph in in 1994 But her desire to return, she stressed, was sincere. "It's difficult to be sure how **Table Tennis** long this sort of injury will

"It's still inside me. I am still

a tennis player. I am still young I never said I would

Bradley Billington, a surprise winner of the Welsh Open 10 the WPBSA's disciplinary code which requires players English champion Carl

with a trip to the richest tour-

highly-rated international tournaments in Estonia and India, writes Leonard Barden. Nigel Short was an impressive winner, unbeaten in 10 Prean, has been rewarded cames, in Purnu, and the Eng-

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only an hour or so before she

was due on court. The WTA Tour physiothertake to clear up. She will need apist Kathy Martin insisted that it was "just bad luck". Practising with Maggie Maa lot more treatment over the next few days." Practising with Maggie Ma-leeva earlier in the day Ca-priati had apparently pointment well. "Twe hurt to it And I'm ready to do so." times m a proper manner

Lynagh, no less). The scrum-half had hardly national team. 16

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BOXING PROMOTER LEFT REELING BY DELAYED BLOW



Double trouble ... Frank Warren chose not to fight the DTI charges in court in order to avoid further legal problems over outstanding boxing commitments

Warren banned by DTI

Suspension follows four-year inquiry

could not afford the time to required to be in court proba-fight the DTL "Obviously I'm by for two or three weeks own consummate dealmak-very disappointed," said War- and that would have meant be ing, was left staring at ren from his promotion at the York Hall in east London last night. "We wanted the delay because the DTI only found 165 hoxes of evidence that were in their care just before Christmas and this. is

would have been in breach of these obligations. He could have been sued or lost a large £30 million of debts. Warren has since made a comeback worthy of any of the boxing greats, paying back a large chunk of the money owed, acamount of money. He couldn't afford to jeopardise all this by spending time on legal procording to reports.

Re-educating America as if by Magic

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Vincent Hanna ASKETBALL has al-

ways puzzied me. When it comes to daz-zling hand skills, a narriage of physical strength to character, there are few things better in sport. But I find it difficult wholly to accept a game where, at the highest level, the star players are what, in normal society, would be regarded as freaks. As with sumo wrestling, I marvel at what they do but cannot identify with them. And like sumo, the heroic images flicker briefly. The great moments pass in a flash. The paradox is that basketball, a game tailor-made for elevision, makes poor view ing — to me anyway. Maybe because the American public demands high-scoring games, there is not enough time to follow all the action, cram in the commercials and dwell on

the poetry. This week's 48th NBA All-Star game was won by the East (over the West) 129–118 but offered little of the modern. slow-motion analysis that ments art. Michael Jordan managed a couple of sublime moves (including one curving drive from the right with a back-handed flip shot) over which I should have lin-gered. But there was no time.

Well done Channel 4 for buying the rights to the NBA, but please hire an Andy Gray and a few machines. Take the space to savour the skills, Remember, much of the good basketball films (White Men Can't Jump, Hoop Dreams) was shot in slow-motion.

ORDAN is one of the

five years ago with the news that he bad the Aids virus, another hero diminished, a life ruined. No one would go near him on the court. He was as much a sporting pariah as poor Tommy Morrison be-came at the weekend. Magic's fate was sealed. But for Magic nothing is

written. He set about changing his life with as much energy as he devoted to ruining it. He funded a chain of Magic John-son movie theatres — in the toughest black areas. He formed a touring team to raise money and consciousness about Aids, bought five per cent of the Lakers and in 1992 had a son, Earvin Johnson III, born too late to see him play.

like a man with bunions; couldn't leap a juice glass;

shoots like a shot putter from the last contury: and – oh, yes – is HIV positive." Earvin "Magic" Johnson is back, the man who stunned us

Magic worked out in the gym, took his medicine and secretly practised with the pros. And last week he came back, the reformed sinner for whom there could never be mough fatted calves.

N Tuesday of last week the Lakers played the Golder State Warriors. Millions held their breath when, after two minutes, the coach Del Harris strolled along the bench and said: "Let's go." Magic began to shed his track suit and 17,000 fans in the Forum chanted; "Take it off?" They were scenes not wit-nessed since the heyday of

Gipsy Rose Lee. He bumbled about the court, then, in a twinkling, threw a wonderful fake to Latrell Sprewell, spinning him the wrong way and laying it in one-handed — a bolt of lightning that uplifted as it shocked.

Last Friday they played Jor-dan's all-conquering Chicago Bulls. Magic was marked by the unsentimental Dennis Rodman who battered the 6ft 9in mega-star all night in a lesson to those whose irratio-nal fear of Aids had forced him eard

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RANK WARREN has been banned as a company director for seven years in the High Court following a four-year Department of Trade and Industry investiga-tion into the financial collapse of the London Arena in Docklands.

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after the judge, Mr Justice Blackburne, read out a state-ment of agreed facts. relate to trading while his the busiest time of my busicompany Arena Develop-ments (Europe) Ltd was insolvent; failure to comply with the requirements of the Com-Warren had sought a month's adjournment for the case, such as was granted on Monday in a similar DTI case involving the England foot-ball coach Terry Venables, but that request was refused. The charges against War-ren are some of the most seri-Vat returns.

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issued a statement on his be-half. "It's important to panies Act as to the filing of remember that these were annual returns and accounts; | civil proceedings and not criminal. There's no sugges-tion of any criminal wrong-doing," said Stephen Davies of Park Nelson Thompson failure to maintain and pre-serve accounting records; and defaults in the submission of Warren emphasised that he Quarrell "He's working a 16-hour

ness life."

day at the moment. He is in-volved in big promotions with all his top boxers and is con-

Warren's solicitors earlier

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Rowell brings

back Richards

career that saw Warren

bounce back from being shot

in November 1989. The attack

put him in hospital and left

side which gives us some options in beating Scotland in the line-out," Rowell

Wales unchanged, page 15

goes back to the 1991 collapse Warren has not been a company director since 1991 and of the London Arena, a sporting and entertainment comthus none of his current business interests - Frank Warplex in which Warren had a ren Promotions or The Sports 70 per cent stake. After its 1989 opening the Network — will be affected Warren's client list include

venue ran into problems and was forced to call in the receivers in 1991 with debts of Naseem Hamed and Frank Bruno, both currently training for world title defences. The judgment is the latest lurch in a roller-coaster \$20 million. The venue

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re-built a myth. reopened in 1994. One of life's fighters, though he never boxed, War-ren left school at 15 and worked as a porter in Smithfield meat market before setting up his first business venture, renting out vending machines to pubs. He began promoting after being talked into investing in one fight.

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wonders of the world, and a privilege to see play, even in the All-Star game which is only a friendly to quit. "I think Dennis was giving the country a message," said Magic. Dennis said: "Who cares if he's got romp for the boys. Last week, however, we saw the real thing the most emotional day in American sport since the Los Angeles Olympics, a national act of collective worship that

> Johnson re-educate a nation. earn himself another \$2 milin ... the might of design, the mystery of colour; the redemp-tion of all things by beauty." And when Magic went home, his son said: "Wow, dad, I saw you play."

HIV, measles, cancer, whatever. I'm going to slam him anyway, and anybody who's got any balls will do the same thing. Thus did Earvin "Magic" lion and vindicate George Ber-nard Shaw: "I believe

The LA Lakers signed a new player who was — well, differ-ent. He was, as the sports writer Rick Reilly put it: "A 36-year-old has-been point guard, has-been announcer, has-been coach, and has-been owner; who has been off NBA courts for almost five seasons; is 30 pounds overweight, runs

bribes (10) 26 A form of credit, or debit (6) 27 Numbers to note in singer's programme (8) Down 1 For holding documents, basic fees may be about right (10) 9 That's about right: Northern Ireland is approaching a state of peace (8) Solution tomorrow 10 Fan given a prison term (6) 2 The many-meteor 12 Rose and tris will be at the wedding (6,5) deployment showed the Air Force's determination (10) 3 Raise your hat to the English 15 A time for reflection when surveying the battleground (5) creme de la creme (5) 4 Casually reads through Punch, for instance (12) 17 Cricket stroke providing the first run (4,5) 18 Mortal, like Reynard (9) 6 Commonwealth regiment presses round the flank (9) 19 View of the sunrise across 7,8 injury when outside left the lake (5)

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clean up the mess that has been England's line-out this season. Many critics have laid the blame at the door of Mark Regan, a hooker not renowned for the accuracy of his throw-ing in. The England man-ager clearly believes other-wise. "We have chosen the

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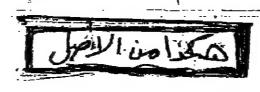
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The visual rhetoric of love must endlessly defer the physical fact of the kiss, must harp on preludes and aftermaths, Otherwise love will be nothing but lips and tongue.

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